

The Internet is absolutely essential to our development as a free society. It is essential that we have open access to all protocols, services, and information on the Internet without having to worry about ISP blocking or other network businesses interfering with those services. They should not be able to restrict the free flow of specific information based on their own desires for profit. They can charge for bandwidth if necessary, but they should not be permitted to prioritize one type of service over the other in pursuit of control and profit of the Internet from my point of access or within their networks. There should be strict rules preventing them from doing things such as blocking access to websites, filtering specific types of information, and/or prioritizing the flow of their services over the flow of competitors such that I am unable to freely choose from where I would like to access (or send) content.

Also, and a very important point is that I should be permitted to provide my own services to the Internet should I desire and choose to do that--they should not be permitted to restrict this type of activity. For example, I should be able to provide a web based service from my home if I want to do that. I would want to do this for private, group, or public purposes.

One other point I would like to make is that the bandwidth they provide should be balanced. If they advertise 4 MB access, then it should be 4MB both ways--receiving information and sending information. Restricting my transmit speed is one way they currently use to prevent me from offering web based services from my home--they should not be able to do this--it should be against the law and limits my free speech and use of the Internet.

I rely on the Internet as a public platform for free speech, equal opportunity, economic growth and innovation. Without vital Net Neutrality protections, companies like Verizon and Comcast, which have a commercial incentive to limit the free-flowing Web, can decide whether I will have a voice online. These companies should not have the power to determine my fate on the Internet.

The FCC must have the power to protect consumer access to the most important communications medium of our time. The FCC must stand with me and keep the Internet in the hands of the people who use it every day. Please reclassify broadband as a "telecommunications service" and keep the Internet open and free of corporate gatekeepers.

The Internet should be treated from a use perspective as the telephone systems. You can send whatever you want on the telephone networks, call anyone, speak freely, and generally do as you wish with that system. Of course I am not proposing we break any laws here. We just want to be able to choose services, provide services, and carry on business in a free and competitive Internet without some business sitting in between blocking or degrading access for their own selfish profit driven or politically motivated agenda. We don't need trolls taking care of our bridges--let the traffic flow.

Maintain and enforce freedom in the use of the Internet PLEASE!