

Net neutrality MUST be preserved.

The loss of neutrality will sacrifice technological progress for the commercial interests of a few. Companies such as Verizon and Comcast are free to charge what they want for access. An open marketplace will ensure that prices eventually reflect demand. However, charging different prices for information from different sources will ensure the end of such innovations as Skype, YouTube competitors, alternative news sources, etc. The prioritization of packets from companies willing to pay for that prioritization ensure the de-prioritization of packets from companies not able to pay. As an example, Verizon would be able to de-prioritize packets from one news source to favor a news source which reflects their viewpoint. This has the effect of quashing both competition and free-speech rather than enhancing them.

I believe that this issue is one of the most important of our age.

The FCC can't cut private deals that would hand control over the Internet to a few massive phone and cable companies. Any compromise that allows Internet providers to build toll lanes online is not real Net Neutrality.

The agency must stand with the public and protect consumer access to the most important communications medium of our time. The FCC must regain its resolve to protect Net Neutrality on wired and wireless networks. Please reclassify broadband as a "telecommunications service" and keep the Internet open and free of corporate gatekeepers.