

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. Nor should any company be allowed to tell me what I can and can not use or view in my life both as private and public citizen. Ultimately, kind of control leads to a monopoly on applications and information which we all can agree is not a good idea for both the sake of free speech and information but also in the case we are now seeing could end up bankrupting both existing and future companies by limiting what applications, search engines or other new developments both in social networking and other internet sites and applications.

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.