

My entire small business is based on the Internet. Net Neutrality guarantees that my customers can access the products and services my company offers on a level playing field with my competitors. More importantly for the country, Net Neutrality guarantees equal access to the Internet, regardless of your size or economic strength. As soon as you give corporations the power to allocate access to the Internet other than on an even-handed basis, you limit free speech.

It is essential to me to know that my speech and the speech of anyone I want to hear is not limited by corporate interests. With Net Neutrality, I know that all voices, even those that corporations (or I) don't agree with, can be heard. Without Net Neutrality, there is no way to know if that is true, which makes us no better than Communist China or North Korea.

The public relies on the FCC to protect the public and protect access to the Internet, which is the first truly universal communications medium of our time. Broadband is a "telecommunications service" that must be kept open and free from corporate gatekeepers, and must remain under the jurisdiction of an FCC that enforces Net Neutrality.

"Toll lanes" and other differential access are neither necessary nor desirable on this kind of medium. Allowing toll lanes will do the following undesirable things:

- 1) Reduce the incentive for corporations to build adequate capacity, because they can "wall off" capacity and sell it at higher rates to corporations.
- 2) Lead to the possibility of the remaining, "non-toll road" capacity being reduced, which will restrict the 1st amendment right to speech for those who can't afford the "toll lane."
- 3) Put decisions about "what" information is disseminated into the hands of corporate interests rather than the people.
- 4) Lead to worse, not better, Internet service. In fact, without Net Neutrality, we will see increasingly poor service for anyone not on the "toll road."

The FCC must assert its authority, stand with the public, and protect Net Neutrality on wired and wireless networks.