

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. All internet companies must compete for users attention and affection and not be able to pay my ISP to make itself more available for use than any competitor. If YouTube censors a video I uploaded, maybe Vimeo will be fine with it and I can share the video through them. But that can't happen if Vimeo videos don't get as wide a pipeline as YouTube videos. Any website or online app I want to utilize must never be hamstrung by my ISP.

The next big thing in the Internet awaits, but if Google decides it isn't worthy, it will die. This is a violation of my rights as a user of the Internet to discover innovation on my own.

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.