

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. Proposed changes all but guarantee differing levels of access to digital information, an electronic class of 'have' vs. 'have not' that will potentially limit the flow of data to a privileged few. This would limit students as well as casual users, and eliminates a segment of the population who don't just search and read, they participate. They host, post and open communications with others. A free society depends on a free exchange of ideas. The Internet we have now is the best vehicle for that. It works the way it was designed to.

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.