

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.

Researching is a large part of my work; cutting off the roads to that research would take us back to the equivalent of the dark ages of technology so a very few can make a stinking profit at the expense of knowledge and education. And knowledge and education, as you know, are sorely lacking already in the United States.

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.

Being able to criticize these mega-corporations is a part of my right to free speech. To have it curtailed by those very corporations smacks of totalitarianism by the oligarchs! What is this, China, where everything is censored? Where are your balls??