

If strong rules are not put in place to maintain open access to the internet, innovation and economic development will be stifled. The barriers to competition that will be raised by the large media companies will be reminiscent of the restraints on trade engaged in by Standard Oil and the railroads.

Those restraints eventually required regulatory action to open up our economy. As Theodore Roosevelt told Congress in relation to those abuses, "Above all else, we must strive to keep the highways of commerce open to all on equal terms."

The internet is now one of the key highways of commerce. Please regulate the internet to keep it open to all on equal terms.