

I am writing to support an open internet be preserved and corporate interests be restrained by the FCC to keep the internet open to everyone.

We are falling behind the rest of the western and emerging worlds, where internet speeds are higher and telecoms are forced to allow open access to their "pipes" so that competition thrives. Meanwhile US consumers rarely have more than one high-speed provider in their area and very few options if that company decides to prioritize traffic on their networks.

The FCC must be empowered to oversee these corporations and hold them accountable; content and information deserve and want to be free; if corporations control the internet and shut down dissenting information and 'unapproved' content, it will only serve to push users into new frontiers. The internet will die like television has, in the hands of the few, still clutching the idea that they can program the masses. **THE PUBLIC DOESN'T WANT TO BE PROGRAMMED ANYMORE** we are ready to move on to the next thing that allows us to share information freely.

Big Telecoms are failing not because of infrastructure problems or piracy, but because their business model is outdated and represents a dying power model of one-way, top-down communication. My generation knows that 2-way, bottom-up communication is **MUCH** more powerful and meaningful and we know how to use it to our advantage; we are smarter, quicker, more flexible, and have a better understanding of the technologies in play and the future of network communication. They may fight us, but **WE WILL WIN.**