

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. I've built websites for a few small businesses that use the internet to promote their business services online, and to sell products. These companies RELY on the freedom of information and the level playing field that we currently have. The closer we get to a tiered internet, prioritization or the companies with the capability to control content and distribution the worse it is for those small business and start-ups who can't afford to buy a "first class ticket".

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 internet is the great emancipator of information of our generation and to lose this bastion of free information, ideas and knowledge would be a great dis-service to our society and the foundations which we hold most dear. Who will protect us if you do not?

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.