

An Open Internet is essential for political activism and to give the public an opportunity to comment on communications and media policy. When Bank of America proposed its outrageous debit card fee to charge us just for using our debit cards consumers got together signing internet petitions that attracted attention from the media and Washington D.C. forcing the major banks to drop their plans for such fees. It took months to do so but we were victorious. Recently, Verizon announced a \$2 online bill pay fee only to revoke it after media attention, similar public criticism and FCC skepticism. I have serious concerns about the impact the now completed Comcast NBCU merger will also have on the Internet as I stated during the merger review process. The victory against Verizon came sooner than the victory over the banks. That being said we need an Open Internet to continue our activism. Furthermore, big cable companies want to make the Internet like cable TV with limited menu choices and options but several channels bundled that you have to pay for even if you don't watch them. With the Internet a la carte programming has legally become available at the same time Internet piracy has made content illegally available. You pay only for the content you want. However, service providers using cable modems for broadband that are obligated to bundle channels in their TV services seek to implement and enforce bandwidth caps on users subscribing to their Internet services to discourage them from canceling TV and using Internet for TV viewing. They are also implementing authentication schemes like TV Everywhere where the user is required to pay for cable or satellite TV to watch TV online. They are trying to protect old, outdated business models made useless by the Internet. They should not be allowed to do so. Rather competition should be mandated forcing them to compete both online and off.

The FCC should have Network Neutrality rules but they should not be implemented under a weak regime of Title I ancillary rules already thrown out by the courts in the case of Comcast v. FCC. Instead the FCC should defend the open Internet by reclassifying broadband under Title II and enforcing competition mandates. Please strengthen the Network Neutrality rules passed in December 2010 and make sure they include protections for wireless users.

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