

The Open Internet is a powerful tool for civic and political activism that must be free of excessive government over regulations that are unjust and unfair but protects the openness of the Internet from ISP discrimination vis-à-vis Network Neutrality. It can and has been used by environmental activists, media reformers, etc for political advocacy. I urge the FCC to continue to do all it can to protect the Open Internet and to keep the wire-line and wireless markets for communications services as competitive as possible. The markets, which are already in some respects anti-competitive need to be made more competitive. To help encourage more competition in wireless the FCC can and should issue a 700 MHz Interoperability mandate for device carrier interoperability and data roaming. The FCC should also enable the Open Internet remains open for everyone engaging in political activism even those concerned with social issues like gun control and crime prevention. Finally, anti-competitive mergers in the wire-line or wireless markets and joint ventures like Verizon SpectrumCo that can threaten wire-line and/or wireless competition need to be thoroughly scrutinized, examined and denied.