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The Internet is evolving as time marches on. While it has shown itself to be a viable commercial platform, it is also an incredible source of education and platform for information. It is capable of protecting human rights by preventing oppressive governments in other parts of the world from silencing their populations and allowing the world to know about their grievances.

The Internet is only going to become more important in the future, both for the United States and the rest of the world. If the Internet is to be able to grow and flourish, it is critical that it remains open and unhindered.

Telecommunications companies frequently have monopolies on internet access in their service areas. Without competition or regulation, service levels will stagnate and anti-consumer actions will take place. Preferential treatment of traffic will occur (different service levels applied to partner companies from Internet Service Providers) and worsen over time, limiting consumer choice further. Internet service providers need to be classified as common carriers, or some equivalent solution that prevents them from prioritizing certain traffic. This is paramount to keeping the Internet open and as useful for future generations as it has been to ours.