

Dear FCC,

I implore you to protect Net Neutrality. When I look back at the past two decades, I am amazed at the effect the internet has had in opening up the world. The Internet is our new marketplace of ideas; when access to that marketplace of ideas becomes constrained for the financial benefit of corporations, we betray ourselves and anyone seeking knowledge, expression, and even freedom.

You are the Federal Communications Commission. You have a fiduciary duty to protect communication for American citizens. I visit FCC.gov and see that the first two points of your "What we do" focus on the supplier--"promoting competition, innovation and investment in broadband services and facilities" and "supporting the nation's economy." None of the five bullet points on that page mention protecting or ensuring American citizens' impartial access to communication technologies. Where is the FCC that broke up Ma Bell? How is enabling private corporations to legalize tiered communications any different from the monopoly of AT&T, especially when competition between broadband providers (championed in bullet point #2) is practically nonexistent in many areas of the United States?

We are a nation that prides itself on innovation. A government regulatory agency should not be in the business of insulating private companies from the need to improve and keep up with the needs of the public. The government agency created to protect communication for its citizens ought not betray them or its own legacy.

I appeal to the better angels of your nature: uphold America's ideals and support Net Neutrality.

Sincerely,
Anna Overbo, citizen