

Dear FCC,

My name is Patricia J. Keller Berrett, PhD. and I live in Oxford, PA.

Net neutrality, the principle that Internet service providers (ISPs) treat all data that travels over their networks equally, is important to me because without it ISPs could have too much power to determine my Internet experience by providing better access to some services but not others.

A pay-to-play Internet worries me because new, innovative services that can't afford expensive fees for better service will be less likely to succeed.

The Internet is important to me because, as a widowed woman with a micro-business online through Etsy - earning money that literally keeps a roof over my head and food in the kitchen, I need to know that there will not be barriers to entry for Etsy, the shops on Etsy, and all the new ideas and services that individuals like me (and smarter than me) hope to bring to the marketplace. If ISP subscribers have an easier time loading websites of existing companies than a small new innovative product, there's no way that they - or I - will be able to compete or succeed. Don't you agree that the big, entrenched telecom interests are already making huge profits, and that the Internet is not something they need to have a sweeter deal to use? Why can't the internet remain neutral and a level playing field for everyone? I think it should. So do many other Americans. My family did not go to war on foreign shores to protect monied interests in America -- they were over there protecting the INDIVIDUALS in America, and the beliefs on which this nation was built.

Sincerely,

Patricia J. Keller Berrett, PhD.