

Dear _____,

I am writing to express my concern on the important issue of net neutrality. The FCC has unwisely allowed an increasingly small number of corporate entities to control an increasing number of media outlets. This has led to the homogenization of information in our society and culture at the expense of depriving the people of airwaves that are inalienable rights. It is important for the FCC to find a way to reverse this trend for the strength of our democracy. It is more important that this trend not be allowed to go any farther.

It is unfortunate that while many are still unaware of the discussion about net neutrality, special interests are already maneuvering to strangle the promise of the open internet for their own profit at the expense of the public interest. The recent proposal from Google and Verizon is an attempt to do just that.

They claim that they are trying to give incentive for future innovation of internet services, but nothing will promote new ideas, and new businesses, like an open internet. The consumer must control the content they receive without premium fees. It is imperative that new businesses have equal footing for their services and content to encourage the healthy competition that our capitalist society thrives upon.

The fact that the Google and Verizon proposal completely excludes wireless internet access from neutrality is appalling. Soon wireless internet usage will surpass traditional internet access thanks to smart phones and other mobile devices. Exempting wireless internet connections from net neutrality is giving up on the principle completely.

Wireless networks cannot function without airwaves to transmit their signals, airwaves that legally belong to the public. It is imperative that businesses using these airwaves act in the public interest as part of their agreement to use these assets. In order to ensure freedom of speech, it is necessary for regulation that gives everybody the chance to be heard, and the Google/Verizon proposal seeks to do the exact opposite of that. If the internet becomes as homogenous as other forms of mass media, our culture, our government, our society, will all be the poorer for it.

As your constituent, I ask that you work to preserve net neutrality for all internet connections, wireless wired and any other future services. Let the marketplace and the consumer decide what content has value, not providers beholden to nothing but their profit margins.

Sincerely,