

To the FCC Commissioners

Gentlemen and Ladies:

The Internet as we know it today is in mortal danger. You will make the decision on help it live or to assist in it's take-over by corporations.

From the time it was invented, the internet has been a medium of public exchange of information. Often this information has been useful in daily living, sometimes it has been controversial, occasionally it has been offensive to someone. I have had the freedom to post to it without fear of being excluded from the internet, or faer that what I am trying to find will be 'blocked' by my ISP.

Some no longer have that right if they wish to have high-speed access. In many areas, there is no effective high-speed access except Time Warner. Time Warner adds this clause to its acceptable use policy:

TIME WARNER COMMUNICATIONS SHALL HAVE THE SOLE AND UNREVIEWABLE RIGHT TO DETERMINE WHETHER CONTENT VIOLATES THESE STANDARDS.

The "standards" are such that absolutely anything posted could be considered a violation.

It appears that you will approve the AOL Time Warner merger in some manner. If you do not act to require the merged company to return to the basic principles of freedom of speech, there will be no hope for people like me who want to communicate. The new company will totally control high-speed access in many markets. Many people like me will not be allowed on the internet through the new company.

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