

Commissioners,

Since about 1939 telecommunications companies have held virtual monopolies throughout the United States by virtue of decisions rendered by the F.C.C. in their favor. This system of legal monopolies has led to, in many cases, artificially high pricing for goods and services offered by these companies.

Due to the F.C.C. limiting competition and providing inadequate oversight the public at-large now suffers from poor internet services (the average U.S. – nationwide speed is ranked #20 by Akamai behind:

1. South Korea
2. Ireland
3. Hong Kong
4. Sweden
5. Netherlands
6. Japan
7. Switzerland
8. Norway
9. Latvia
10. Finland

Please leave and improve enforcement of the concept of net neutrality. I really don't want to pay more for my piddly, unstable, erratic AT&T uVerse, copper-based, internet service. Due to the fact that Cox Communications is the only other viable choice in my area, I'm trapped between two poor choices.

I'm not suggesting that there should be federal government subsidies for competitors, but if my municipal government was able to get into the game, I'm fairly certain that not only would prices drop, but also quality of service would rise.

Regards,

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