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Federal Communications Commission  
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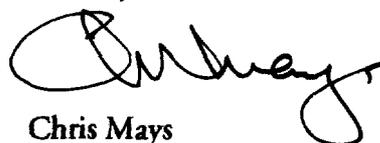
Mr. Secretary,

I am writing to urge you to adopt the Apple Computer proposal that would create a new band of frequencies for high capacity, unlicensed wireless data. This would allow the grassroots public--individuals in rural and urban areas, school children, non-profit organizations, neighborhood associations and the like--to communicate with each other without the costly mediation of emerging corporate information utilities. This system would allow the local, informal uses of the Internet, such as local newsgroups, email and community information databases, to exist in a "public right-of-way" alongside the huge bandwidth of the commercially dominated "Information Superhighway."

I do not believe this allocation will cause economic harm to the profit-making information providers of the future. There will be plenty of business for business communications, news and entertainment services, using copper, cable, fiberoptic, satellite and wireless modalities. It will, however, allow communities currently without the financial resources to "surf the World Wide Web" to participate in the electronic civic life of the Twenty-first Century and beyond.

I work for a public library that is on the verge of providing free public access to the Internet. Library patrons will obtain government, social services and AIDS/HIV information, as well as other data that they can use for learning, pleasure and profit. I feel certain that the development of unlicensed wireless data spectrum will greatly enhance the likelihood that local, low-budget, public-interest information will flourish in my community. I sincerely hope you share my optimism in this regard. Please return a small portion of the public's spectrum to the public, and allow the Apple Computer proposal to become the law of the land.

Thank you,

  
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