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My name is Ray Mulhern. I am director of the Greene County Public Library headquartered in Xenia Ohio. Greene County is directly east of Dayton & Montgomery County, Ohio. It is home to Wright Patterson Airforce Base, Wright State University, Antioch Collge, Cedarville College, Wilberforce University, Central State University and 7 school disticts.

The county library which I administer has T1 links to the Internet and operates a wide area network for six branch locations. We are experimenting with wireless lan interconnections between the public library system and one of our area school district. We are interested in bandwidth availability for inter-building and inter-district networking.

We have also had discussions with two of our larger cities (Xenia and Fairborn) with the idea of connecting local governments.

It is my hope that bandwidth assignments will be sufficient and appropriate for eductational and governmental networks using wireless technologies. In particular, for those locations were alternative wide-area networks are unavailable or very costly to provide

Thank you for accepting this informal comment.

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Please consider implementing NII Band spectrum for Community Networks.

We are a Hawaiian grass roots organization just now investing in networking technology and anticipating that adequate NII Band will be available as we grow.

Our participating members are scattered all around the island of Kaua`i-- which is the reason we're moving to cyberspace for intra-group communication in the first place. We're also building links with similar groups throughout the Hawaiian islands.

We participate on commnet and have greatly benefitted from the insight and expertise of these pioneers

We like to think you will be anticipating and providing for our future needs as the public's bandwidth is now carved up.

Mahalo for your consideration,

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A hui hou!

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RE:

As longtime advocate for affordable and appropriate rural telecommunications Big Sky Telegraph emphatically urges the FCC to support allocation of public bandwidth. To not allow leveraging the public good via wireless would be no less than criminal and un-American. Low-cost, high bandwidth wireless capabilities are much needed to assure universal access. Community networking would be greatly enhanced if greater public spectrum were available. The issues brought before you by David R. Hughes and his NSF Wireless Testbed, by Ken Komoski and the LINCT Volksmodem proposal, and by Apple Computer are quintessential common sense.

I cannot urge you strongly enough to support greater public spectrum allocations AND to facilitate more testbed projects showcasing wireless technologies. The general public doesn't yet know what is possible.

Please note that Big Sky Telegraph's web site hosts a community networking clearinghouse, including links to wireless web sites: <http://macsky.bigsky.dillon.mt.us/>

If I can personally do anything to support the FCC's allocation of greater public spectrum, creation more affordable wireless modems, and/or designing or conducting wireless testbed projects, please let me know.

Sincerely,
Frank Odasz
Director of Big Sky Telegraph

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To whom it may concern re: 96-102

Here in Kansas, libraries are contending with their fast-expanding role as local hubs for global information and with the growing expense of technology required to fulfill that role! The interest in community networks has spread here like a prairie fire, but small communities are stymied by lack of funding (local, state, and federal), the need for constant training in a setting where staffing is quite sparse, and the inflexibility of technology. I feel that the FCC should take care in forming policy with broad impact on long-term public access to information. This is a formative period in our nation's history -- a time of flux and adjustment. Policy that is inclusive and flexible would enhance growth and initiative where technology is involved. Libraries here in Kansas recognize a natural role as an information access institution for themselves and are vitally interested in technology policy.

Although I believe these opinions to be true, I am not representing my library in these comments.

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