

This would be one more step in keeping ILECs a monopoly. We are already forced to use Verizon in our area and have absolutely horrible service and the attitude we get from Verizon is - So what, where else are you going to go? I do not understand why it would be my responsibility to fund an already monstrous ILEC by offering our customers an alternative broadband solution. Not only that we are offering this service in areas that can not be serviced by broadband by the ILEC. If we are forced to pay the ILEC for competing with them, then we would no longer find it feasible to offer these services. In the end the people that would really lose would be the customers, who again are stuck with Verizon, and in alot of cases would still not be able to get broadband connections. If the goal of this is to promote growth in last mile connections, I do not feel this does anything but hurt the effort. There are much better ways of getting this accomplished and left to competition, it will happen faster.