

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I have been a customer of an independent ISP for nearly seven year. In that time, the level of support and capabilities provided has been dramatically better than that provided to friends and acquaintances who opted for accounts from the regional Baby Bell MONOPOLIES. I recently acquired DSL access from my independent ISP at the same time as a client of mine, who opted to purchase from Bellsouth, our local Bell Co. My deployment was flawless, and the service and data rates I receive are steller. My client is not as fortunate.

It is VITAL that independent ISP's are able to continue to extend services to their client base. Our country was founded on the idea that markets should be allowed to determine long term success. What is it that the large telecommunication companies fear? Why should an independent ISP be penalized and have their product offerings dicated to them by government officials?

I have experienced service under the Bell monopolies, I REFUSE to place myself in that situation. If independent ISP's are no longer allowed to resell broadband services, the Bell's will have lost me as a customer forever.

Sincerely,

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