

I echo the sentiments of the TISPA form letter that you've likely received hundred of copies of by now. Rather than parrot that, consider the result of enacting such a rollback, in more concrete immediate terms:

You will be essentially dessimating what is left of our country's ailing tech industry follow the bubble burst. Every independent operators will be driven out of business is short order, all their employees will join the already booming ranks of the unemployed. The chain reaction will further reverberate to the vendors with which they do business. In the other direction, quality will without a doubt suffer for all the customers that rely the agility and personal attention afforded by these independent operators, a level of service that it has been shown time and again, monopolies cannot or will not provide.

The Bells are suffering now, because they massively overbuilt their infrastructure during the boom -- not because of the forced competition the current regulations impose. Returning power to the BOCs is the wrong solution for the wrong problem.