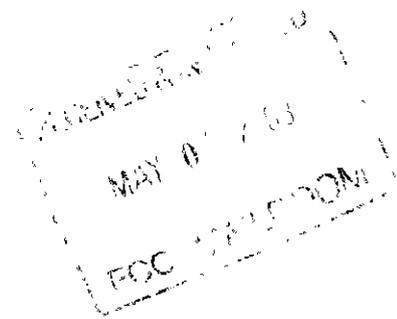


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The Honorable Michael K. Powell
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Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to urge you to continue to cosponsor The Telecommunications Act of 1996, that requires the Federal Communications Commission and states to set a fair price for the resale of local phone company lines

This Act instructs the FCC to create fair rules for new competition and incumbents. It also leaves the determination of what is an acceptable price for the resale of incumbents' lines. By freeing the Bells from regulation you are allowing small businesses to drown in monopolistic pool of telephone communication

By not choosing to uphold the telecommunications act, you are knocking out the incentive for competition. The Bells now have no limits on how much to charge competitors to use their new high-speed lines. In return there will be higher DSL service prices and less broadband availability for small-business. The Bells will eventually use their size and power to dominate over the next telecommunication innovations

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Without limits these conglomerates will feel free to charge outrageous prices to small-business looking for an entry into the market. By placing reasonable restrictions on these major players there will be a sense of control and understanding among the companies involved. By enforcing limits you are encouraging competition which is good for consumers who are looking for the lowest prices.

By not getting involved in this issue will result in a monopolistic structure in the telecommunication sector. As a consumer this means less variety on how I can get broadband. This is important because of price range and convenience. Individuals should be able to obtain what service they like without having to pay greedy operators.

I appreciate your work to accomplish this mission, and I urge you to continue working to bring about change. I look forward to hearing your views on this topic. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shavon Munchcz". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Shavon Munchcz