

I am a customer of Sonic.net, and I am concerned that de-regulation of broadband service could negatively impact my internet access. Specifically, my family has used Sonic.net, which is a regional ISP, since 1997. Their service and support is excellent, and their broadband access is very reasonably priced. I was also able to get broadband access without changing my e-mail address.

I am concerned that de-regulation may eventually allow telecom giants like SBC and BellSouth to deny DSL connections for Sonic.net customers, forcing us to change ISPs to maintain DSL access.

The telecoms provide the necessary bandwidth, which is a commodity, but ISPs like Sonic.net provide the tech support, DNS, hosting, e-mail service and filtering, and all the other services which distinguish mediocre ISPs from good ones. Please, do not allow telecom giants like BellSouth and SBC to control how we get our broadband access.