

I believe that your recent push to remove DSL competition is not good for the consumer by any means. There are many places throughout this country that have more than taken advantage of current regulation and have several DSL providers providing the service that are not the baby bells (Verizon and SBC in Illinois). My home of De Kalb (for instance) has 2 providers of DSL that are not Verizon, and I know of another company starting up that is looking to provide DSL-type services to fill a void left by Verizon. This bill would effectively block 3 businesses in De Kalb (and various surrounding communities) from conducting business. This is in just one of the 102 counties in Illinois. Passing this will only discourage investment by all as local providers will no longer have an outlet for their broadband services and the Bells will not have competition as a reason to innovate. I ask of you to vote against and encourage your fellow members of the Commission to vote against this act which will destroy broadband competition in the United States.