

I want to use my cell phone on any carrier's network! It makes no sense that my landline phone works anywhere in the country in any phone jack, regardless of whose phone service I'm using, but my cell phone works only with my cell phone company's service.

I'm tired of having to buy a new phone when I change carriers. It's expensive and it prevents me from freely switching carriers when I want a better deal or am dissatisfied with my service. That's not what competition is about.

That is why I am writing you to stop the practice of cell phone "locking" or other means of blocking use of consumers cell phones by applying the "Carterphone" rules to commercial wireless networks--so I can keep the phone that I have paid for and switch carriers when I'm ready without worrying about getting soaked with the costs of a new phone. Right now, consumers have to go to extraordinary lengths to keep their cell phones and use them on different networks, and sometimes its simply impossible.

For example, some cell phone companies that use compatible technology have installed "software locks" to prevent consumers from using their phones on their competitors' networks. Others simply blacklist phones. That means, if you switch companies you have to get a new phone, whether you want to or not.

These practices are anti-competitive and unfair to consumers. The FCC recognized that for landline phones. Given that there are more than 200 million cell phone customers in the U.S., it's time to give consumers the same marketplace choices in wireless service.

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