

Keep the Airwaves for the Citizens

The government must protect our airwaves from the same corporate gatekeepers that have stifled innovation and competition in Internet markets.

To restore America's leadership in high speed Internet services, the FCC must ensure that the upcoming auction sets aside at least 30 MHz of spectrum for open and non-discriminatory Internet access. This will guarantee that new entrants have the opportunity to enter the market in competition with incumbent providers.

It would be a big mistake to hand over these airwaves to the very same phone and cable companies that dominate the wireline market. We need more competition and innovation, not more of the same. This new wireless spectrum must be open and neutral so that America can build a better Internet for everyone.

Please allow the entire public the option to the airwaves. The phone and cable companies have plenty of accessibility to the marketplace. The internet not only represents opportunity for small starter business, it provides affordable and realistic communications worldwide. Already average Americans like myself are strained under current bills and communication necessities- further isolating those with less money by allowing big companies to control prices in all areas would distance our county from its original intention of claiming the airwaves "public."

I had the wonderful chance to teach overseas and made many friends from around the world. We use the internet to communicate and share our art, music and writing. I use it constantly to learn about new science, old history, news and local groups. I've used it to search for my new dog, to find articles on how to fix my house, how to fill out my taxes, to purchase a vehicle, and to purchase hard to find recording equipment. Basically, I've contributed financially to small businesses, become a more informed voter and stayed in contact with people I love and care about.