

## Low Rent

You don't have to read much to come across deep concerns about the growing disparity in this country between the rich and the poor. It seems that internet access is becoming part of this disparity. As a freelance book indexer, my business depends on my internet connection, but my neighborhood is too "poor" to merit a DSL connection. Public airwave access could be the link that could restore my neighbors and I to the internet middle class.

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.