

Retired Nurse Urges Fairness in Wireless Provision

The government must protect our airwaves from the same corporate gatekeepers that have stifled innovation and competition in Internet markets. Having driven over Missouri back roads and inner city narrow streets to visit needy patients, I know that many Americans can use the help of fair competition on their way to the information highway known as the Internet.

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.

After all, we are talking about airwaves here. How can a Federal agency justify privatizing what belongs to everyone? In fact, the development of smaller wireless providers creates a growth industry of smaller businesses that can be healthy for the economy.

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.

Thank you for considering my comments.