

Keep Open, Neutral and Accessible Internet

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

To this day, Verizon refuses to supply broadband services to rural communities in western Massachusetts because population density is so low that there is no financial profit to be made. In fact Verizon is barely maintaining the copper infrastructure for phone service.

This is a company that could care less about providing quality service to ALL its customers.

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.

As Chairman of the Colrain Broadband Committee and small business entrepreneur, I strongly urge the FCC to set 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.