

Let the public keep some of their own airwaves

The FCC controls the airwaves. The public citizens of the U.S. own them. Let's not confuse who owns the airwaves with who is tasked with stewardship. The mandate of the FCC is to protect and organize the airwaves for the best outcome for the citizenry of the U.S.

A simple auction of a piece of the spectrum is NOT the best way to ensure the best outcome. It's a good way to raise a little cash but no way to be good stewards of the airwaves.

The FCC 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 and give them the chance to serve Americans better.

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.