

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

I live in lower Manhattan, and you'd think I'd have access to every possible option, but it's not true. I have virtually no choices. Time Warner Digital Cable isn't available in my building, so I can't get internet or phone service through them. There are no other cable providers. For phone and DSL, Verizon is my only option, and that goes down at least 4 times a year due to badly maintained and exposed wires in the neighborhood, leaving me cut off from both phone and DSL service whenever there's a big rainstorm. There are no other phone providers available.

This is in New York City! I can only imagine how bad it is in remote parts of the country.

Giant phone and cable companies have proven they have no interest in providing quality service to Americans. We cannot trust them with the public spectrum. Compared to other parts of the world, our internet infrastructure is a joke.

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.