

The internet serves are very important function in our country these days. Americans are able to "meet" and "communicate" online, hear diverse perspectives about events online, see vidoes and pictures of people and place we otherwise would not have access to, and share oour experiences and interpretations of events. It sets the media straight, gives media leads, uncovers lies, corruption, educates quickly and effectively. All in all, it has become as valuable as our radio and t.v. stations.

Radio and T.V. airwaves originally were public domain, and the requirement for private ownership rested on their commitment to serve the public interest. Have we forgotten this fundamental precept? Airwaves should continue to be regarded as public domain with the best interests of the public primarily served.

THEREFORE:

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.