

The government must protect our airwaves from the same corporate gatekeepers that have stifled innovation and competition in Internet markets. The World Wide Web is the best example of democracy in America, and the software was developed by entrepreneurs not corporate giants. For years Microsoft ignored it, much to its later regret.

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. "Ma" Bell is emerging again through corporate mergers so that we may soon again have a monopoly with little regulation. The current "laissez faire" attitude only promotes privilege and corruption.