

I live in a rural area near Chicago but still do not have broadband access via DSL (AT&T) or cable (Comcast). When I have contacted these companies over the last 15 years, they have basically said, sorry, we can't provide you service. Comcast said if I want service, I'd have to pay \$35,000 to get the cable to my home.

As a software developer, I follow what other countries are doing when it comes to computer technology. When I hear about devices being used in Korea and Japan and that the manufactures have no plans to sell these products in the US because of the poor broadband coverage and speeds, I wonder where our plans to go. Are we going to follow, and at a slow pace, these other countries?

I develop software for schools and have many ideas that will help them be more efficient and knowledgeable. Unfortunately, I can't act on many of these ideas because broadband access to the Internet is not very accessible for them. Please give me the ability to help them. Open up the airwaves by setting aside at least 30 MHz of spectrum for open and non-discriminatory Internet access. Make things more competitive please.