

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 ought to 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 grave error to hand over these frequencies to the very same phone and cable companies that already dominate the copper-wire market. We need MORE competition and innovation, not more domination by the few. This new wireless spectrum must be open and net-neutral in order to protect free speech and free access. We Americans like our Internet egalitarian; it would be a shame if short-sighted regulators were to enable today's thriving forum of ideas and products to turn into another dismal swamp of commercialism and conformity like broadcast TV

Those of us who are of an age remember well the limitless aspirations of television in its early years, and are saddened by the morass it has become. It would be even more shameful if the same were allowed to happen to today's interactive medium, the Net.