

One of the core principles of a thriving capitalistic society is competition. With competition, innovation flourishes; without competition stagnation occurs. The notion of handing over a large chunk of the public airwaves to companies that already dominate the internet spectrum in the U.S. is not good business.

Historically innovation comes from small businesses so our reliance on and special treatment of large corporations does not serve the public good. The public airwaves should and must be available to the innovators in our society--to the intrepid nobodies who make the leaps into uncharted territories (like the once unknown Bill Gates). Without the little guys and their ideas, the big guys have little incentive to mess with the status quo.

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.