

The government must protect our airwaves from the same corporate gatekeepers that have stifled innovation and competition in Internet markets. The market power at the disposal of these industrial titans is a constant danger to the possibility of entry by new competitors and thus to the very foundations of a free and open society.

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. This can only happen if structures of democratic governance actively work to counterbalance the overweening corporate power of the network behemoths that are continually seeking to consolidate their control over our entire system of public communications.

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