

I am old enough to remember life before phone jacks: monopolies do stifle innovation. In order for the U.S. to remain competitive, innovators must be free to develop their ideas.

Communication and media conglomerates have a vested interest to prevent innovations which they do not control.

The airwaves belong to the public, and should not be handed over to corporations that have no interest in serving the public. Corporations may claim to have the public interest at heart, but it is criminally naive for the government to take these self-serving claims at face value. The record is quite clear where corporate interests actually lie.

Americans have some of the slowest, most expensive, internet access in the developed world. This is largely due to the same corporations now trying to monopolize the broadcast spectrum.

The FCC must ensure that the upcoming auction sets aside at least 30 MHz of spectrum for open and non-discriminatory Internet access.

The long-term economic interests of the U.S. as a whole should take precedence over the short term profits of a handful of businesses.

Innovation is what Americans do best:

The airwaves belong to the public, and should be protected by our government. Given the opportunity, and neutrality of access, Americans will create a stronger economy and drive global technologies into amazing realms.