

Earlier this month the Communications Workers of America released a study concluding that residents of Canada, Sweden, South Korea and several other countries have faster Internet connections. People in Japan can download an entire movie in two minutes, but it can take two hours or more in the United States — yet people in Japan pay roughly the same monthly cost as Americans, according to the research.

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.

AT THE VERY LEAST the Commission should expressly adopt four license conditions with specific, enforceable, and enduring rules; (1) open applications, (2) open devices, (3) open wholesale services, and (4) open network access...

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.

It would be a big mistake to hand over these airwaves to the very same phone and cable companies that dominate the wireline market and just maintain the status quo that has permitted the USA to fall so far behind the rest of the world.