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sandrazanchetti@yahoo.com wrote on 6/27/2007 6:49:09 PM :

Dear Deborah Tate. Please don't let anyone company control the airways. Vote to pass opening up the internet. Sandra Zanchetti

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Bcmills85@aol.com wrote on 6/25/2007 4:36:06 PM :

Mrs. Tate,

I understand that you are one of our FCC commissioners, and I would like to strongly request that you vote for providing open networks on our public airwaves and encouraging new competition for these markets. There needs to be other options to the big Internet providers so that we can have more competitive prices for our Internet services here in the U.S.A. Internet services are much cheaper abroad and we're held hostage by big companies who don't provide good service. My family has experienced multiple problems with Comcast Internet and TV services this year, and I'm ready for better competition, service, and prices. A few big companies only stifle competition. Thanks you for your consideration.

Barbara Mills
Bcmills85@aol.com

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verandatetime@charter.net wrote on 6/25/2007 10:01:47 PM :

Pam Albrecht
218 Dupont Drive
Greenville, SC 29607-1107

June 25, 2007

Deborah Taylor Tate
Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Deborah Taylor Tate:

The Internet has become an integral part of American life and will only become more important in the future. That is why all Americans, especially American school children, need access to Internet service that's free, fast, and family-friendly - at school and in the home.

Unfortunately, current prices for broadband in the United States are among the highest in the world. No American child should be left behind because existing broadband options are not affordable.

Furthermore, parents and teachers are currently saddled with the burden of trying to protect children from indecent material on the Internet. Network level filtration of indecent content is the best solution available to ensure that children cannot access explicit Web sites, allowing parents and teachers more freedom to utilize the educational resources available online.

Implementation of a proposal now pending with the FCC, such as the one submitted by M2Z Networks (www.m2znetworks.com) to provide a universal, free, fast, and family-friendly broadband service, is supported by the Coalition for Free Broadband Now and is a necessary step to both ensuring that American school children, parents and teachers have affordable broadband access and to protecting our children online. I urge you to act on such proposals today!

Sincerely,

Pam Albrecht
864-233-8006

verandatetime@charter.net wrote on 6/25/2007 10:01:47 PM :

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tsheridan@evertek.net wrote on 6/25/2007 3:54:22 PM :

Hello, I'm from Spencer ,Iowa

I would like you to make a public statment on your position on the FCC airwaves....

We dont need them to fall into the hands of the Big Boys.....

Thank you,

Tim Sheridan
Spencer , Iowa 51338

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rachel.rosenbaum@carroll.org wrote on 6/25/2007 3:56:15 PM :

Here at the Carroll Center for the Blind, we were able to complete wiring our campus for wireless access by our students, currently the openness of the internet has enabled hundreds of "mom and pop" developers to create software and access technology for the blind. We fear the restrictions which AT & T, Verizon and other cable operators wish to impose to retain or impose control of this new technology.

It was federal dollars which created the internet to begin with. Let's keep it open to all.

Rachel Ethier Rosenbaum, President
The Carroll Center for the Blind
770 Centre Street
Newton,MA 02458-2597

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lacyhornbeck@gmail.com wrote on 6/25/2007 3:53:10 PM :

Mr. Kevin Martin,

I am writing this email in hopes that you will soon issue a public statement in support of new competition and open networks on our public airwaves. Your actions can help protect your fellow citizens from the big phone and cable companies who do not have our best interests at heart.

Thank you,
Lacy Hornbeck
Asheville, NC

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carolyn.davidson@gmail.com wrote on 6/25/2007 4:00:47 PM :

Dear Chairman Martin:

Please make a public statement before the upcoming FCC vote, that you will support open networks, innovation on the Internet, and new competition, so that big corporations will not be able to stifle innovation. There must be competition and innovation in the high-speed wireless market.

Thank you,
Carolyn Davidson
Palo Alto, CA

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roger@custom-control.com wrote on 6/26/2007 1:42:39 PM :

Dear Commissioner McDowell,

If you intend to do so, then please issue a public statement declaring your intent to support "new competition" and "open networks". This will provide significant positive momentum for this very important national issue.

Please do your best to make sure that soon to be available portions of the radio frequency spectrum are used for the greatest public benefit. Ordinary citizens like myself do not seem to have much of a voice when it comes to these matters. So I hope that as a public official you will act on behalf of the people rather than the corporations or the political climbers.

Sincerely,

Roger Johnson
Electrical Engineer
Kent WA

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lko@sbcglobal.net wrote on 6/26/2007 1:10:03 PM :

Mr. McDowell

The monopolization of America's airwaves by several privileged corporations is not fair to the rest of US citizens who have not been granted this privilege. Release the bandwidth for free wireless for all.

Lisa Orr
Austin TX

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paulb05@hotmail.com wrote on 6/26/2007 3:18:01 PM :

First, ensure new competition. Big phone and cable companies who have spent years laying wires in the ground have every incentive to stifle the growth of a competitive high-speed wireless market. Therefore, if America wants to bring high-speed wireless Internet to every community, the FCC needs to ensure that a significant portion of the newly available airwaves go to new market competitors. Such rules prohibiting incumbents from stifling competition and innovation in the marketplace have been used in the past, and numerous approaches can be used to achieve this goal.

Second, ensure "open networks." The FCC must set the terms of the auction so that whoever wins is prohibited from stifling innovation. For instance, wireless Internet providers must not be allowed to play gatekeeper over which websites their customers can access online—a power that phone companies exert right now to prevent handheld wireless customers from accessing Internet-based phone service. Wireless Net Neutrality will let the market decide which web-based services thrive instead of self-interested gatekeepers.

Also part of "open networks," the auction winners must not be allowed to blacklist new technology from entering the market. Companies must give consumers the right to attach any safe device to their own devices—the equivalent of the FCC's landmark 1968 Carterfone decision, mandating that phone companies let customers attach an answering machine to their landline phone. (Indeed, this "right to attach" paved the way for the dial-up modem, which sparked the Internet revolution.)²

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Regards,
--Paul M. Banks</DIV></html>

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prof.lacroix@ca.rr.com wrote on 6/26/2007 12:37:04 AM :

Commissioner Tate--

The internet is perhaps the greatest technological innovation most of us will see in our lifetime. It allows us all to accomplish things unimaginable just ten years ago, as individuals and as communities both large and small. It paves roads of opportunity and opens doors to possibility, and the ever-increasing speed at which ideas and information can be transmitted is vital to human progress worldwide.

The internet is a great thing for those of us with access, but it can only reach its full potential when it is made available to all. Innovators working to create open networks on our public airwaves are making strides toward a future where everyone can log on whenever and wherever they need to. It could be a beautiful future, but companies like Comcast, Time Warner and Verizon would much rather protect their investments in outdated technology in order to continue to hock sub-standard service at inflated rates.

It's another example of existing big-money infrastructure stifling progress. We must not let these corporations decide the future of OUR internet, as they will surely take the more profitable, less interesting road, dragging us all down with them.

I am asking you to follow Commissioner Adelstein's lead and issue a public statement before the FCC's upcoming vote, in support of new competition and open networks. It is imperative that the FCC rules that incumbent providers may not stifle competition and innovation, or prevent new technology from entering the marketplace.

Please don't hand over our greatest technology to the highest bidder. We all deserve a better future than they're willing to give us.

Thank you for your time,
Dave Simmons
Los Angeles, CA

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dzeviar@comcast.net wrote on 6/25/2007 11:18:39 PM :

Dear Ms Tate,

I'm writing from Camas, WA and wish to reiterate the importance of public broadband service to all the public, not only for the large corporations. There are several reasons that this should happen:

First, ensure new competition. Big phone and cable companies who have spent years laying wires in the ground have every incentive to stifle the growth of a competitive high-speed wireless market. Therefore, if America wants to bring high-speed wireless Internet to every community, the FCC needs to ensure that a significant portion of the newly available airwaves go to new market competitors. Such rules prohibiting incumbents from stifling competition and innovation in the marketplace have been used in the past <<http://wireless.fcc.gov/auctions/08/releases/r&odbs.pdf>> , and numerous approaches can be used to achieve this goal.

Second, ensure "open networks." The FCC must set the terms of the auction so that whoever wins is prohibited from stifling innovation. For instance, wireless Internet providers must not be allowed to play gatekeeper over which websites their customers can access online-a power that phone companies exert right now to prevent handheld wireless customers from accessing Internet-based phone service <<http://www.moveon.org/r?r=2658&id=10578-4077350-pPQvdT&t=2>> . Wireless Net Neutrality will let the market decide which web-based services thrive instead of self-interested gatekeepers.

Also part of "open networks," the auction winners must not be allowed to blacklist new technology from entering the market. Companies must give consumers the right to attach any safe device to their own devices-the equivalent of the FCC's landmark 1968 Carterfone <<http://www.timwu.org/log/archives/134>> decision, mandating that phone companies let customers attach an answering machine to their landline phone. (Indeed, this "right to attach" paved the way for the dial-up modem, which sparked the Internet revolution.)2

Please ensure that our message is heard with your ruling!

Sincerely,

Dorothy D. Zeviar, Ed.D., LAc

Camas, WA 98607

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rrinden@earthlink.net wrote on 6/25/2007 4:43:25 PM :

Please issue a public statement in support of new competition and "open networks" on our public airwaves. Our airwaves need to be protected from huge corporations like AT&T, Verizon, and Comcast that would stifle the national wireless market.

Thank you,

R. Ruth Linden, Ph.D.

San Francisco, CA 94133

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billenglewva@yahoo.com wrote on 6/25/2007 9:01:04 PM :

Bill Engle <billenglewva@yahoo.com> wrote:

Dear Kevin

Its not right that we should have to give up any
Public airwaves.
The Gov
Has way more then they could ever use if
Uall need to sell some sell that.
This new Tv seems to be almost all UHF and is fine
If you live on top a hill but when you live down in a
Valley and you can hardly get VHF in 2009 no more TV
Them people will have to pay for a dish
I live in Wv. Most people here don't have money for
That.
Now how could you even thing about selling our airwaves
So someone could make a buck.
If this new TV is here to stay lets see what happens
In 09. Save that VHF space for the Internet at least
Them people will be able to get something.
Were I live Wileyville, Wv. We can't get high
Speed unlimited Internet at all may be a long
Until we get cable or DSL. Thanks for your time
Please don't forget us country folk

Bill Engle
HC 68 Box 23
Wileyville, Wv. 26581
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Instgatrix@aol.com wrote on 6/25/2007 10:35:08 AM :

Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate

Dear Commissioner Tate,

It is vitally important to remember that the airwaves belong to the public, not to corporations like Verizon and AT&T, whose anti-competitive practices have resulted in the U.S. falling to 16th in the world in high-speed Internet rankings.

In order to help 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 an enormous mistake to hand over these airwaves to the very same phone and cable companies that already 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.

Sincerely,
Tavia Fortt
261 WEst 21st St. #28
New York, NY 10011

cc:
FCC General Information

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mgumm@power-equip.com wrote on 6/25/2007 3:40:48 PM :

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Hello Mrs. Tate,

Michael & Danna Gumm here from Cripple Creek CO, 80813 asking you to support new competition and "open networks" on our public airwaves. While I understand that big phone and cable companies who have spent years laying wires in the ground have every incentive to stifle the growth of a competitive high-speed wireless market. Therefore, if America wants to bring high-speed wireless Internet to every community, the FCC needs to ensure that a significant portion of the newly available airwaves go to new market competitors. Such rules prohibiting incumbents from stifling competition and innovation in the marketplace have been used in the past, and numerous approaches can be used to achieve this goal. We must ensure open networks, the FCC must set the terms of the auction so that whoever wins is prohibited from stifling innovation. For instance, wireless Internet providers must not be allowed to play gatekeeper over which websites their customers can access online-a power that phone companies exert right now to prevent handheld wireless customers from accessing Internet-based phone services. Wireless Net Neutrality will let the market decide which web-based services thrive instead of self-interested gatekeepers. Also part of "open networks," the auction winners must not be allowed to blacklist new technology from entering the market. Companies must give consumers the right to attach any safe device to their own devices-the equivalent of the FCC's landmark 1968 Carterfone decision, mandating that phone companies let customers attach an answering machine to their landline phone. (Indeed, this "right to attach" paved the way for the dial-up modem, which sparked the Internet revolution in the first place. Without the freedom of open systems and new competition that the FCC mandated in 1968 we would not have the internet at all. It is time to do the same thing once again and allow new competition and open systems to allow forward movement in communications. I would also ask that you issue a public statement in support of this. Our airwaves need to be protected from corporations like AT&T, Verizon, and Comcast who would stifle the national wireless markets. We thank you for your time and consideration of our views.

Michael & Dana Gumm

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dirk@kuyk.com wrote on 6/27/2007 1:58:34 PM :

Dear Mr. McDowell,

I write to ask that you support open access, high-speed wireless internet service throughout the United States. I work from home in rural Greene County, Virginia, and none of the major internet providers will provide service. That means no cable and no DSL service.

Having high-speed open internet network(s) throughout the United States will foster competition and innovation in the marketplace, and it will help those of us in rural areas get our work done quickly.

Please support open competition as well as open access to the internet. It should not be limited to those companies that only run cables from point-to-point.

Sincerely,
Dirk A. Kuyk, III, LC
President
Kuyk & Associates, Inc.
Stanardsville, VA
www.kuyk.com

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brianumana@yahoo.com wrote on 6/27/2007 3:53:19 PM :

Mr. McDowell,

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Please do not permit any exclusive corporate rights to wireless Internet. The airwaves belong to the public -- on both ethical and legal grounds -- and it would be a preemptory and presumptuous move for a civil servant to sign away this public property without having campaigned before the public on the issue.

Thank you for your service.

Brian Umana
Falls Church, Virginia

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carrollgraham@webtv.net wrote on 6/27/2007 4:17:46 PM :

Dear Mr.McDowell, As
my FCC representative here in Virginia i am asking you to keep all
Airways open to public access and thus not allowing Comcast,Verizon etc
to control the Internet etc.in the future.Thank you---Carroll
Graham,resident of Richmond,Va.

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budayoung@aol.com wrote on 6/27/2007 2:30:36 PM :

Keep the internet and web free for the people . Its all we have left .

Do not let the corporations control them !

Stephen Young
2712 Westwood Ave
Nashville, Tn. 37212

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soulohawk@starband.net wrote on 6/27/2007 4:36:28 PM :

Dear Commissioner Taylor,

I am a resident of Tellico Plains, Tennessee. As you are probably aware, high-speed Internet service in the mountains is an expensive proposition, both for suppliers and customers. That means two things - few suppliers and little chance the "Free-Market" will ever bring affordable service to customers.

I have a small business I operate from my home and high-speed Internet service is a necessity. That means I must pay a large sum of money to a satellite provider (Starband) each month for what can be charitably described as mediocre service. My investigation of the alternative providers (Wild Blue, DirecWay, etc) suggests that I can do no better and maybe worse by switching.

I should also mention that my son is a student at Maryville College. To get the most out of his expensive education also requires high-speed Internet. If you are the parent of a high-school or college student, I'm sure you can relate.

All that is my predicament, but I am not looking for sympathy. I am looking for what has been promised to citizens since the time of the Founding Fathers - a government that promotes the general welfare. Short of food, healthcare and housing, nothing is more vital to 21st Century citizens than communications. And for many, the Internet is more important than telephone, radio, television or postal service.

I have watched with great disdain as the false promises of deregulation have driven up prices and driven down service. For example, I pay dearly for satellite television service, the bulk of which I never use - but I have little choice since there is no ala carte option. I pay dearly for a cell phone only to discover the unit is not compatible with service from a different supplier - if this is competition, please bring back Ma Bell!

Now the communications giants are about to steal away the Internet unless my government has the courage to just say no. They tell me that in this case that means you. I would be happy to provide some recommendations as to what the government should do about communications.

I'll conclude with these words of warning from Paddy Chayefsky, written for the movie Network. If you remember that film, surely you'll remember its most famous line:

I'm mad as hell, and I'm not gonna take it anymore!

Thank you for listening,
Tom Cordle
Tellico Plains, Tennessee
423-253-7133

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fivechrisg@msn.com wrote on 6/27/2007 1:44:28 PM :

----- Original Message -----

From: Christine Grawe <mailto:fivechrisg@msn.com>
To: dtaylor@fcc.gov
Sent: Wednesday, June 27, 2007 1:42 PM
Subject: Wireless Internet Access

Dear Commissioner Taylor,

I pray that you will back the American people and not the monopolistic telephone and cable companies on the upcoming vote for wireless internet access. Free enterprise and competition built this country, and more and more, Washington is backing the corporations to stifle competition, creativity and break the backs of the American people. I live in Jonesborough, Tn. and rely mostly on Comcast for internet access, but there are many people who still can't get decent internet connections because the phone and cable companies don't want to lay wire to outlying areas. Please vote for the American people. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Christine M. Grawe

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tbrown724@gmail.com wrote on 6/27/2007 1:37:23 PM :

Ms Tate, thank you for your service to our people. I appreciate you being available for citizen contact. I am a resident here in Tennessee from Johnson City. It has come to my attention that you will be involved soon in a decision on whether or not to limit our public internet access. Please do not sell off our access to the private companies who wish to monopolize this service. While I don't mind them having access I don't want them to block access for the public use. Please vote in support of an open access, do not vote for the special interests in this case. A public statement to that effect would be greatly appreciated. Thanks again for your service. with kindest regards

Tim Brown
319 Lamont St
Johnson City, TN
423-434-0282

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heatherpjr@earthlink.net wrote on 6/27/2007 12:08:52 PM :

I understand the FCC will shortly be auctioning off a significant part of the wireless spectrum, as broadcasters relinquish ownership as they switch from analogue to digital transmission. Federal Communications Commission
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I believe this represents an almost unparalleled opportunity to open up the airwaves to creativity, opportunity and competition. Open-access to the wireless spectrum will be crucial to America's ability to stay at the technological cutting-edge in an area that will drive globalization in the next decade or more.

Please state publicly that you plan to support setting the auction in a way that guarantees net neutrality, and does not simply present a cash-cow to the established, large telecommunications networks. The country can not afford to have gatekeepers and limits on innovation. Progress will come from the free-est possible market.

Please be on the side of America and of progress. Please support open-access, for the sake of your children and grandchildren and for mine too.

Sincerely

Heather Rowland

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HJR1755@aol.com wrote on 6/27/2007 12:35:56 PM :

Please protect the internet from the money grubbers. The public needs free access. Thanks

Harry E. Moore
118 N. Sequoia Drive
Springfield, TN 37172

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sarahcircle@hotmail.com wrote on 6/27/2007 1:15:42 PM :

Ms. Tate,

I am a native of Nashville, TN, and I am writing to encourage you to support open access and new competition in wireless internet in the United States. I hope you will support these things with your vote and with a public statement before the vote. How exciting that we have this technology at our fingertips. Let's make use of it!

Thank you, Sarah Hays

Make every IM count. Download Messenger and join the i'm Initiative now. It's free.
<<http://g.msn.com/8HMBENUS/2752??PS=47575>>

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carolynb@barrettadventures.com wrote on 6/28/2007 9:27:31 AM :

Dear Sir,

I live in Garner and I am writing to you because it has just come to my attention that you have not declared your intentions on the issue of keeping our airwaves public.

We want you to do the same thing that FCC Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein did when he issued a public statement in support of new competition and "open access" last week. We also want you to vote to keep the airwaves free and open. If Estonia can have wifi access in every cafe, park and town square in that little country, what is wrong with the US doing something right by it's citizens. The FCC must set the terms of the auction so that whoever wins is prohibited from stifling innovation. For instance, wireless Internet providers must not be allowed to play gatekeeper over which websites their customers can access online.

Thank you for your positive response to my request.

Best Regards,
Carolyn Barrett

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aileamana@earthlink.net wrote on 6/28/2007 12:32:45 PM :

TO: FCC Chair Kevin Martin
FROM: Aile Shebar, Asheville, NC

FCC Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein issued a public statement in support of new competition and "open access" last week, in advance of FCC's upcoming vote. Will you also issue a public statement in support of new competition and "open access" on our public airwaves now? Our airwaves need to be protected from corporations that would stifle the national wireless market.

If America wants to bring high-speed wireless Internet to every community, the FCC needs to ensure that a significant portion of the newly available airwaves go to new market competitors. Numerous approaches can be used to achieve this goal.

In order for there to be "open access" the FCC must set the terms of the auction so that whoever wins is prohibited from stifling innovation. For instance, wireless Internet providers must NOT be allowed to play gatekeeper over which websites their customers can access online. Also part of "open networks," the auction winners must not be allowed to blacklist new technology from entering the market. Companies must give consumers the right to attach any safe device to their own devices.

Thank you for taking the lead on this important issue.

Aile Shebar, RN, MS
aileamana@earthlink.net

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jresspess@mbc.edu wrote on 6/28/2007 1:12:28 PM :

Dear Commissioner McDowell,

I know that you are probably inundated by e-mails concerning your position on the open access question, but please add my name to the list of supporters of this policy. It will have direct effects in my hometown of Charlottesville, and as we become more and more diverse in our population base, open access will guarantee a lively and open debate on many public issues. I attach a copy of a letter that I am sure that you have read in defense of this position. Thank you for your time.

Jim Rеспess
1033 Sheridan Avenue
Charlottesville, VA, 22901
434-977-4050

LETTER FROM OVER 40 TECHNOLOGY & CIVIC LEADERS TO THE FCC

June 4, 2007

Federal Communications Commission:

We are writing in support of a simple but powerful principle: Public airwaves should be used for the public good.

The FCC will soon decide how to allocate a huge portion of the public airwaves – the "700 megahertz spectrum." These newly available airwaves are a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to revolutionize Internet access in our country. Used correctly, these airwaves could beam high-speed Internet signals to every park bench, coffee shop, workplace, and home in America at more affordable rates than current Internet service. This would bridge the digital divide – bringing Internet access to many poor and rural families.

But big phone and cable companies don't want this new competition to their Internet services – they want to cement their market dominance in place. If the FCC simply gives the highest bidder exclusive rights over the new airwaves, phone and cable companies could become permanent gatekeepers of the airwaves – continuing their record of keeping new competition and innovation out of the marketplace. Consumers would be hurt, technological progress would be slowed, and the economic benefits of bringing high-speed Internet to every American family would be lost. The public airwaves are ours, and they need to be used for the public good. To that end, the signatories of this letter are asking the FCC to do two things as they decide the rules for the upcoming spectrum auction:

First, ensure new competition. Big phone and cable companies who have spent years laying wires in the ground have every incentive to stifle the growth of a competitive high-speed wireless market. Therefore, if America wants to bring high-speed wireless Internet to every community, the FCC needs to ensure that a significant portion of the newly available airwaves go to new market competitors. Such rules prohibiting incumbents from stifling competition and innovation in the marketplace have been used in the past, and numerous approaches can be used to achieve this goal.

Second, ensure "open networks." The FCC must set the terms of the auction so that whoever wins is prohibited from stifling innovation. For instance, wireless Internet providers must not be allowed to play gatekeeper over which websites their customers can access online – a power that phone companies exert right now to prevent handheld wireless customers from accessing Internet-based phone service. Wireless Net Neutrality will let the market decide which webbased services thrive instead of self-interested gatekeepers.

Also part of "open networks," the auction winners must not be allowed to blacklist new technology from entering the market. Companies must give consumers the right to attach any safe device to their own devices – the equivalent of the FCC's landmark 1968 Carterfone decision, mandating that phone companies let customers attach an answering machine to their landline phone. (Indeed, this "right to attach" paved the way for the dial-up modem, which sparked the Internet revolution.)

To facilitate "open networks" – and to maximize competition among providers – at least half of the auctioned airwaves should be licensed on an "open access" basis. This means the auction winner would be less of a gatekeeper than an administrator – with any new competitor allowed to access to the airwaves for a fair market rate. By ushering competition into the marketplace, consumer-friendly practices like Net Neutrality and Carterfone principles would be promoted and reinforced by market forces – customers would be able to leave companies that didn't abide

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by them for companies that did.

In the end, the FCC has a choice: Use the public airwaves for the public good, or turn them over to companies that will stifle competition and innovation. We, the undersigned, urge you to allow wireless Internet to achieve its full potential – opening the door to affordable high-speed Internet for all, and bridging the digital divide..

Sincerely,

Lawrence Lessig – Professor, Stanford Law School & Founder, Center for Internet and Society
Craig Newmark – Founder, Craigslist
Jason Devitt – CEO, Skydeck
Amol Sarva – CEO, Txtbl & co-founder, Virgin Mobile
Michael Kieschnick – President, Working Assets Wireless
Andrew "Bunnie" Huang – Cofounder, Chumby Industries
Ram Fish – CEO & Founder, FONAV
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Drew McWeeny – Screenwriter/west coast editor, Ain't It Cool News
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Hugh Jackson – Founder of LasVegasGleaner.com (Nevada blog)
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eberman01@gmail.com wrote on 6/27/2007 12:01:57 PM :

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Dear Ms. Tate

I am a teacher who lives and works in Memphis. I understand that the government is considering the use of public airwaves to make the Internet available nation-wide. I am old enough to have worked most of my teaching career before the advent of the Internet, and I feel that it is the single most important technological and intellectual advance of my lifetime, comparable to the invention of the printing press in its implications for the expansion of knowledge. This resource should not be turned into a for-profit medium, held ransom by corporations, and reserved to only those who can afford it.

Water, clean air, even college educations are becoming more and more the province or privilege, and I am afraid, looking ahead, that this trend will continue. It can only end badly with the availability of these precious resources rationed and limited to those with money. Please do not let this happen to knowledge, the life-blood of our national life, the hope of America's success in the future. Please issue a public statement in support of competition and "open access" on our public airwaves. Future generations will thank you.

Yours,

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chadpinkston@msn.com wrote on 6/26/2007 3:30:15 PM :

Dear Deborah

First, ensure new competition. Big phone and cable companies who have spent years laying wires in the ground have every incentive to stifle the growth of a competitive high-speed wireless market. Therefore, if America wants to bring high-speed wireless Internet to every community, the FCC needs to ensure that a significant portion of the newly available airwaves go to new market competitors. Such rules prohibiting incumbents from stifling competition and innovation in the marketplace have been used in the past, and numerous approaches can be used to achieve this goal.

Second, ensure "open networks." [Also called "open access."] The FCC must set the terms of the auction so that whoever wins is prohibited from stifling innovation. For instance, wireless Internet providers must not be allowed to play gatekeeper over which websites their customers can access online-a power that phone companies exert right now to prevent handheld wireless customers from accessing Internet-based phone service. Wireless Net Neutrality will let the market decide which web-based services thrive instead of self-interested gatekeepers.

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Thanks, Chad Pinkston

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Charlie.Auerbach@natplan.com wrote on 6/26/2007 11:25:52 PM :

Dear Ms. Tate:

I write to you to ask that you issue a public statement in support of new competition and "open access" to our public airwaves. Our access to the wireless internet is in jeopardy from large telecoms who want to stifle competition.

Here are two items which demand your attention:

First, ensure new competition. Big phone and cable companies who have spent years laying wires in the ground have every incentive to stifle the growth of a competitive high-speed wireless market. Therefore, if America wants to bring high-speed wireless Internet to every community, the FCC needs to ensure that a significant portion of the newly available airwaves go to new market competitors. Such rules prohibiting incumbents from stifling competition and innovation in the marketplace have been used in the past <http://wireless.fcc.gov/auctions/08/releases/r&odbs.pdf> , and numerous approaches can be used to achieve this goal.

Second, ensure "open networks." [Also called "open access."] The FCC must set the terms of the auction so that whoever wins is prohibited from stifling innovation. For instance, wireless Internet providers must not be allowed to play gatekeeper over which websites their customers can access online-a power that phone companies exert

Thank you in advance for your serious consideration of this request.

Charles Auerbach

Memphis, TN

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keef.aragon@gmail.com wrote on 6/28/2007 2:56:05 AM :

Hi,

I don't know if it's too late for me to be sending this. I got an e-mail a couple of days ago forwarded by a friend originally from MoveOn.org. They discussed this issue and asked me to sign a petition. I didn't like the petition so I didn't sign it and instead decided to write.

I'm still in total support of this idea. But not because I "don't want our airwaves taken over by corporate gatekeepers." It's important to ensure that we utilize this band effectively for digital 2-way communication. If they are auctioned for this purpose, it's likely that many big corporations will get them. So be it. One thing that isn't discussed very often is that our backbones buried all over the country are getting old. Their capacity is waning in under the pressure of new higher-bandwidth technologies such as YouTube and such things. We are facing a bit of an internet crisis... perhaps it isn't a crisis because it won't "break" our existing infrastructure, but it will stop it from expanding. I was surprised to find when I was in Japan 6 months ago, that quite contrary to 2002, premium broadband subscribers there have lines that businesses in this country pay literally tens of thousands of dollars per month for. And they get that for the price I pay for my premium cable internet.

Since it's a much smaller area there, such things are much less difficult than they are here. The country is falling behind in the broadband world and we can't solve it without coming up with new mediums to manage internet access, radio internet playing one of many roles in that process. We find ourselves at a disadvantage merely from the size of our country and the internet congestion caused by the savvy of Americans when it comes to internet usage. Besides that, it's likely that use of radio frequencies for broadband internet usage will begin to drive down prices so that we can get \$44,000/mo internet in our homes down to under \$100/mo some day in the future when our country's backbones can handle that kind of load.

Since the band is owned by and commissioned on behalf of the American people. I'd like to ask you to support this too. Not because we are a separate entity from the "big bad corporations," but because this is what is best for us. This is a piece of the overall picture that will keep us up in the technology game around the world. We all see the future implications of the internet as it gets faster and faster. I only ask that you do what you can to make that come true. And make it come true here in THIS country instead of Korea or Japan first. So please make sure that regardless of who leases the rights to the band, that they use it to offer Internet access to American Homes and business for prices that are within reach for most of us.

Thank you very much,
Keef Aragon
Broomfield, CO

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HuntPalmquist@aol.com wrote on 6/25/2007 4:11:31 PM :

Ms. Tate,
Please leave the Internet alone, as it is.
Thank you.
Sincerely,
Hunt Palmquist
Dallas, Texas

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robharrisva@yahoo.com wrote on 6/27/2007 2:12:43 PM :

Commissioner McDowell:

Here in my hometown of Portsmouth, VA our choice of Internet Access providers is very limited, subsequently so is the competition. Therefore, I'm asking that you make a public statement before the FCC's upcoming vote on the matter involving new frequency allocations. I'm hoping that such a statement will reflect an awareness for open access and new competition in the Wireless Internet Access markets. Thank you.

Robert Harris Jr
Portsmouth, VA

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richardwirth@yahoo.com wrote on 6/27/2007 5:25:19 PM :

Dear Mr. McDowell:

Please issue a public statement in support of new competition and "open access" on our public airwaves. Our airwaves need to be protected from corporations like AT&T, Verizon, and Comcast that would stifle the national wireless market.

FCC Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein issued a public statement in support of new competition and "open access" last week.

Here is an excerpt from a letter sent to the FCC by over 40 technology, business, and civic leaders, explaining what I would like the FCC to do:

First, ensure new competition. Big phone and cable companies who have spent years laying wires in the ground have every incentive to stifle the growth of a competitive high-speed wireless market. Therefore, if America wants to bring high-speed wireless Internet to every community, the FCC needs to ensure that a significant portion of the newly available airwaves go to new market competitors. Such rules prohibiting incumbents from stifling competition and innovation in the marketplace have been used in the past <<http://wireless.fcc.gov/auctions/08/releases/r&odbs.pdf>> , and numerous approaches can be used to achieve this goal.

Second, ensure "open networks." [Also called "open access."] The FCC must set the terms of the auction so that whoever wins is prohibited from stifling innovation. For instance, wireless Internet providers must not be allowed to play gatekeeper over which websites their customers can access online-a power that phone companies exert right now to prevent handheld wireless customers from accessing Internet-based phone service <http://www.moveon.org/r?r=2658&id=10614-7687677-t_SL6C&t=2> . Wireless Net Neutrality will let the market decide which web-based services thrive instead of self-interested gatekeepers.

Also part of "open networks," the auction winners must not be allowed to blacklist new technology from entering the market. Companies must give consumers the right to attach any safe device to their own devices-the equivalent of the FCC's landmark 1968 Carterfone <<http://www.timwu.org/log/archives/134>> decision, mandating that phone companies let customers attach an answering machine to their landline phone. (Indeed, this "right to attach" paved the way for the dial-up modem.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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russell@russellnadel.com wrote on 6/27/2007 8:07:25 PM :

Dear Commissioner McDowell,

Please issue a public statement in support of new competition and "open access" on our public airwaves, in advance of the FCC's upcoming vote. Our airwaves need to be protected from corporations like AT&T, Verizon, and Comcast that would stifle the national wireless market.

This would ensure new competition. Big phone and cable companies who have spent years laying wires in the ground have every incentive to stifle the growth of a competitive high-speed wireless market. Therefore, if America wants to bring high-speed wireless Internet to every community, the FCC needs to ensure that a significant portion of the newly available airwaves go to new market competitors. Such rules prohibiting incumbents from stifling competition and innovation in the marketplace have been used in the past, and numerous approaches can be used to achieve this goal.

Ensuring "open networks" would also set the terms of the auction so that whoever wins is prohibited from stifling innovation. For instance, wireless Internet providers must not be allowed to play gatekeeper over which websites their customers can access online-a power that phone companies exert right now to prevent handheld wireless customers from accessing VoIP services. Wireless Net Neutrality will let the market decide which web-based services thrive instead of self-interested gatekeepers.

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I and my technology-savvy friends here in Burke and elsewhere in the great state of Virginia are counting on you to do the right thing. Thanks so much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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