

I live in a remote area of Western North Carolina where my high speed internet connection is expensive and spotty. Every time it rains, (which is often), we lose our internet connection. We are also limited to the speed that we can get here which is much less than what people on cable or extreme dsl can get.

We own an internet business and the speed and reliability at which we can access the web affects our business considerably. We are expanding into video where speed is incredibly important. I urge you to allow the rest of us to have the same kind of access that big city folks get. If the technology is available, why can't we access it?

Millions of Americans are still on the wrong side of the digital divide without high-speed Internet access – a situation that has the United States falling further behind other technologically developed countries.

Unlicensed "white spaces" -- vacant portions of the public airwaves that aren't used by TV channels -- are perfectly suited to remedy this situation. Recent FCC testing of white spaces devices demonstrates that it is technologically feasible to use this vacant spectrum for high-speed Internet services without interfering with adjacent signals.

The FCC cannot afford to ignore this massive opportunity to connect millions -- especially in rural areas -- to broadband. Making this spectrum available on an unlicensed, mobile basis serves the public interest and is crucial to restoring America's place as a world broadband leader.

The Commission must continue with the testing of devices, ensure such devices perform to FCC's standards, and move accordingly to open unlicensed white spaces for mobile and fixed services.