

To the members of the Federal Communications Commission:

I'm writing to urge you to open up currently unused parts of the TV spectrum (the "white spaces") for wireless broadband and other emerging technologies. I applaud the extraordinary steps the Commission has taken to realize the potential of TV white spaces to date, and encourage you to take this next step today.

The potential benefits of freeing up this important public resource, more than three-quarters of which today is unused, are overwhelming.

The white spaces can:

- * Pave the way for universal wireless broadband access;
- * Extend broadband wireless to rural areas that currently aren't connected at all;
- * Enhance the reliability of public safety communications;
- * Enable distance learning for students in remote locations or for whom traditional classroom-based learning is impractical; and,
- * Bring high-speed mobile internet access to every high school and middle school in the country.

Opening up unused TV spectrum might be one of our best remaining chances to address the digital divide by creating affordable and truly universal broadband wireless coverage in the U.S. I urge you to take this rare opportunity to connect millions more people to the Internet.

Personal note: I am a private citizen that supports Google's Free the Airwaves petition because it is most closely aligned with my personal views.

I believe that television broadcasts are progressively moving towards wired connections or satellite as a result of the lucrative returns on investment for those companies that are able to deliver content that is beyond that offered over the air. Although I believe that there should be a base level of bandwidth maintained for television broadcasts, maintaining the current level is superfluous and comes at a huge opportunity cost. At the present, I believe the highest and best use of the spectrum is to offer wireless internet access. Not only would this help address the ever expanding need for broadband access, but it will also lessen the competitive disadvantage that the U.S. finds itself in this digital age.

I recognize that the commission is under extraordinary pressure from a variety of constituencies with a multitude of views on the matter and I believe this decision is indeed very crucial to the long-term viability of a number of industries. However, to hesitate at this critical juncture without making progress would be a severe error in judgement. As such, it is imperative that the commission explore the possibility of opening up the whitespace even if the steps are merely a tentative timeline to

implement based on certain milestones that must be met.

I am certain that persons more influential and eloquent than me have tried to persuade you on this matter, but I hope that this helps to elucidate the opinions of one of your citizens.

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