

To the members of the Federal Communications Commission:

I live in a broadband "blackhole," both Comcast and AT&T have (several times in writing) avowed that they have no intention of servicing my area as it is economically unfeasible to them. Satellite systems were the only thing available, but with latency, weather problems, and rolling caps on downloads this has proven to be a most unsatisfactory option.

Then I found out about Sprint's unlimited wireless service and immediately signed up for it. Although it is slow, it has been 100% reliable, a real godsend for those of us that don't live in town. But, as you are no doubt aware, Sprint too, has recently made a major change in their "unlimited" service and imposed a ridiculously low 5GB per month cap. I realize this was done by them to keep inline with the other companies (Verizon, AT&T, etc) in an attempt to dissuade people from using this (3G) as a primary service. I also understand that money talks, I wasn't born yesterday.

So now I am back in the same boat and will probably be compelled to find another alternative. However, my experience with Sprint proves that this type of service is both workable and sorely needed! In addition to providing much needed service, it could be the impetus for some competition and force the major ISPs to change their views about servicing rural areas.

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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.

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