

There has been renewed interest in wireless broadband, municipal wi-fi, white spaces -- all long-standing efforts to bring more Internet to more people by making Internet access available in the airwaves, instead of through underground wires. Faster, cheaper wireless Internet access is an exciting prospect with near-universal benefits to the American public

I'm writing to encourage you to support innovation and the Internet by opening up the "white spaces" -- unused parts of the TV spectrum. According to the FCC's website, FCC broadband policies "must promote technological neutrality, competition, investment, and innovation to ensure that broadband service providers have sufficient incentive to develop and offer such products and services." Permitting "Unlicensed Operation in the TV Broadcast Bands" will facilitate these goals and is an important step to alleviating the frustration that consumers feel with their limited choices for broadband Internet service.

With innovators clearly enthusiastic about the opportunity to bring new devices into the market, service providers are more than likely to take advantage of the new technology to bring faster, cheaper broadband access to consumers. Please take full advantage of this long-awaited opportunity to devote this public resource to the benefit of current and future Internet users.

Ideally, you will permit new technologies to take advantage of unused "white space" spectrum to send and receive data wirelessly. Allowing open, unlicensed use could pave the way for faster, cheaper wireless broadband -- leading to more ISP choices for consumers and a source of continued pressure for ISPs to maintain net neutrality.