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Comment on dropping landlines, putting up Wemax, broadband over power lines, etc.

There are numerous reasons to keep landline phones:

- They are more environmentally friendly than cell phones, using far less energy than cell phones and their broadcasting system, and not needing replacement every few years.
- Landlines are reliable. They work during power outages and are not dependent on a charged battery. They also notify 911 of the location a call is made from.
- Landlines are preferable for teleconferencing, which can be unreliable with broadband connections.
- Landlines are far more affordable than cell phones and cell phone service.
- Everyone knows how to use a landline. Seniors and people with various disabilities, such as Alzheimer's, can't manage using a cell phone.
- Landlines are safe. Children, people with medical implants and people who don't want to increase their risk of cancer should not use cellphones.
- People who are electrically sensitive cannot use cellphones, which can cause them terrible headaches or even cause their blood pressure and heart rate to double. They also often use a phone landline for their computer connection.

I, personally, am electrically sensitive. I cannot use a cell phone, WiFi or be exposed to broadband without experiencing debilitating symptoms.

The FCC has the duty to facilitate communications for all citizens, and getting rid of landlines would rid many of us of our ability to communicate by phone, and to have internet connection by phone line. It would also constitute a serious violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). In light of these facts, it is clear that elimination of landline service should be prohibited.

Forcing people to be exposed to broadband, WiMax or other radiation that will cause them to experience severe health symptoms is not acceptable, either.

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