

Please make local, community-based networks eligible for Connect America Fund support!

- * Local networks create local jobs! The big cable/telco firms outsource our jobs abroad!

- * Local networks build social capital by keeping IT expertise in the community, where it can be shared with local entrepreneurs, innovators, and students - our future IT experts! Big cable and telephone companies strip-mine our social capital to invest in urban hubs like Atlanta and Charlotte.

- * Local networks are better long-term stewards of federal subsidies. The cable/telco firms have a long history of taking subsidies to serve rural areas and then neglecting these rural networks over time.