

I believe it would be in the best interest of all US citizens and consumers to require all 700MHz band equipment be interoperable.

At this point in our country's technological growth and reliance on wireless devices, we can't fall back into the old proprietary technology rut. We have to embrace solid standards for all devices.

This will reduce device development cost, device time-to-market, device certification time. This will also improve roaming ability for consumers, and foster a more competitive wireless market across the US. More consumers will be able to afford less-expensive mobile devices that will enable them to find or create jobs, or even start entirely new business markets that leverage mobile technology.

One need only look at Sprint's acquisition of Nextel to see how incredibly difficult it is to interop incompatible technologies. They were never able to fully integrate and instead opted to replace iDEN.

Allowing the two top carriers in the country to dominate our spectrum guarantees we are headed towards a mobile duopoly, which is very un-American.

I hope the FCC ignores the wireless industry pundits and does what is right for Americans by not only promoting, but requiring 700MHz band interoperability.

Sincerely,
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