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Organization Name: null

The switched telephone network must be maintained. The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (?the Access Board?), is the federal agency that administers the Americans with Disabilities Act. According to the Access Board, an estimated 3% of the population, or almost 10 million Americans, have electromagnetic sensitivities (access-board.gov/research/ieq/intro.cfm). They cannot use wireless technology and have difficulty using computers. They depend on the switched telephone network for voice communication. ?Universal Service? is not universal if it excludes 10 million people. Eliminating landlines will leave millions of Americans without even basic telephone service. These 10 million people will be put at continuing risk of harm and death in case of all emergencies including: war, crime, health crises, accidents, natural disasters, etc. This choice is absolutely unacceptable, unethical, and immoral. It will feed the insatiable greed of the few at great cost to 10 million Americans who pay their taxes and uphold the laws of this country. You can and must do better for all Americans than this.

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Completely kill proposal FCC-2011-0078-0001 to phase out landlines. This would be a long-term public disaster for our entire society. This proposal would remove any communication ability for the some one percent of the population that has electrical hypersensitivity (EHS). This proposal flouts both the wording and the spirit of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and its recent extensions.

There is extensive independent research that long-term exposure cause a wide variety of serious health problems. A recent study in Sweden before and after cell service showed serious declines in overall health throughout the population.

People with MCS who cannot tolerate any electromagnetic radiation exposure would be completely unable to communicate - a more and more vital need in our society.

And fix this sloppy web site. It is inexcusable to disable the back arrow key for only one example. And enable people to email a copy of their comments to themselves for their records. And on.\

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Please maintian the switched telephone network. Nearly 10 million Americans, my son included, have electromagnetic sensitivities and depend upon the switched telephone network for voice communication. There are also many other reasons landline telelphones need to be continued!

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Addendum to previous comment.

Beyond the 10 million Americans who are unable to use cell phones or VOiP, there are further compelling reasons that landlines are necessary to our communications network. Cell phone and VOiP DO NOT WORK all the time in all circumstances. For the many millions of people who live in mountainous areas, cell phone DO NOT WORK. Millions of others DO NOT UNDERSTAND how to use cell phones or computers (and therefore VOiP). As a computer teacher, I know this for a fact. Some people just don't learn computers, let alone software. That leaves them without a phone and phones are absolutely necessary to survival as well as normal functioning.

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I am very concerned about any replacement of land lines with wireless services. Millions of people already suffer severe health effects from electromagnetic fields - and are unable to use wireless systems, including phones and computers.

Moreover, for me there are also both privacy and financial security issues. I never put out personal information on a cell phone or wireless computer.

This is a frightening Pandora's Box - because, once implemented, there would be no way to take it back and protect the growing number of people who could be impacted both by the EMFs and inability to use a phone line.

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On December 21, 2009 AT&T submitted comments the FCC stating that the public switched telephone network was "a relic of a bygone era." AT&T asked the FCC to set a deadline for completing the transition from telephone lines to broadband.

On February 7, 2011, FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski gave a speech in which he said that "the Internet is replacing the telephone as today's essential communications service." "Broadband serves the same role in the 21st Century that telephone service served in the 20th Century," Genachowski said. "So we need to modernize this program." He announced that the following day the Commission would vote on a plan to funnel Universal Service Funds away from the switched telephone network and into broadband.

On February 8, 2011 the FCC released the proposed rule that is the subject of my comments. This rule, if adopted, will phase out some subsidies for the switched telephone network within two years. It proposes to reduce the allowable per-minute long distance charges for phone calls, which will make it less profitable to operate the switched telephone network. It is a first step in the transition to 100% broadband communication that the FCC assumes is in our future.

We need to maintain the switched telephone network. People with electromagnetic hypersensitivity comprise at least 3% of the population according to the United States Access Board. That is approximately 10 million people. They have limited or no ability to use computers, no ability to use cell phones, and depend on analog phone service for their communication needs. When there is no more analog phone service, there will also be no more analog phones. Ten million people will be cut off from the outside world.

The maintenance of the public switched telephone network needs to be a policy priority for the foreseeable future.

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Please do not phase out land-line telephone service. Many people still do not have or want cell phones, and some can not safely use them.

Land line phone service is still the most secure form of phone service and should continue to be available and affordable.

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Do not allow the elimination of landline telephones! Cell phones emit electromagnetic impulses that many people cannot tolerate. To me, doing so would go against The Americans with Disabilities Act, since people with electromagnetic sensitivities have a disability, and requiring them to use cell phones is wrong.

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Organization Name: null

I have terrible electrical sensitivities. Cell phones cause me excruciating pain. I wholeheartedly urge you to maintain the switched telephone network.

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I am very upset to learn that the FCC is proposing to eliminate landline telephones because it is the only type of telephone I can use due to electromagnetic sensitivities. Please maintain the switched telephone network.

It has also come to my attention that the Universal Service Fund which is used to subsidize telephone service in rural areas, as well as for low income individuals would be allocated to pay for fixed and wireless broadband instead of the above. Since I come from a state which has a large rural population, and several low income people, they would be left without basic phone line service

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For the sake of the over 10 million people who suffer from electricomagnetic sensitivities, do NOT allow the elimination of landline telephones. Please maintain the existence of the switched telephone network!!!

Thank you.

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Please do not support a wireless phone system and infrastructure nationwide at the expense of the land line phone system. I, and millions of other people, choose to continue using land line phones which are safer, and more secure, reliable, affordable, and durable. Land lines also offer better communication, use less power and are easier to use.

Many people suffer debilitating health effects from electromagnetic radiation emitted by the cell phone system, referred to as Radiofrequency Sickness, or have medical implants, and others do not want to increase their risk of illness, even cancer, over the long term. Children and pregnant women are especially vulnerable and should not use cell phones or be exposed to wireless devices and their infrastructure. The cell phone system has not been proven safe and the growing body of evidence of health effects revealed in research studies is mostly being ignored. There is no safe exposure standard for continuous, nonionizing electromagnetic radiation from multiple sources on the biology of the general population. The telecom industry is not voluntarily providing a safe system. Their goal is to expand use of cell phones, constantly upgrade the phones to boost sales and increase profits. The new proposal of the FCC fails to address how wireless infrastructure will be monitored and regulated to help prevent disasters like the Malibu fires in California that ABC News confirmed on April 26, 2009 were caused by utility poles overburdened by cellular phone gear. Your duty is to facilitate a safe, secure, reliable, durable and affordable communication system for ALL U.S. citizens and uphold all the laws, including the 14th Amendment of the Constitution, equal protection under the law, and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Please help change the 1996 Telecommunications Act to include environmental and health considerations in the placement of cell towers and antennas. PLEASE MAINTAIN A VIABLE, SAFE LAND LINE PHONE SYSTEM. Thank you.

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During the last electricity black out, only landlines worked -- no other form of phone service was available. What about an emergency in such a situation? How can we call 911 without any phone service.

I have both a landline and a cell phone. My landline has never dropped a call. My cell phone does occasionally. The quality of sound on my landline is poor only when someone is calling me from a cell phone.

We do not know the effect of the increase in electromagnetic fields with such increased cell phone activity. More and more areas will require cell phone transmission towers (many parts of the U.S. have no cell phone service at present so there will be a considerable increase in these structures). There are theories, so far neither proved nor disproved, that constant cell phone use may be harmful to human health.

For people with problems such as poor eyesight or arthritis, cell phone use can be extremely difficult if not impossible.

How can you even think of such a thing?

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I previously submitted a comment asking that landline phone service not be phased out with all my reasons, but was timed out and told to hit the "OK" button, which I did...I do not know whether or not the comment even went through. WHY are you timing people...shouldn't they have time to think about their comments???????

Basically, I think microwaves are dangerous, from a lot of research/experience I have done/had, and that cell phones, besides being profitable and a good way to monitor people, service no purpose but to keep the public sick, the air poisoned, and the constitution gutted. This goes for smartmeters (dumbmeters), cell phone towers, wifi computer service, microwave in public places, naked xrays at airports, and other indignities, spy devices (satellites) and profit enabling items pushed by unscrupulous people who are lying to the public. Public phones have been removed, landline service cut to the bare minimum, including removing 4-wheel drive trucks so farms and small roads cannot be serviced in bad weather, and wireless everything pushed and forced on everyone, even though the traditional use of microwaves has been for weaponry, for which they are still used today. This is not life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, but sickness & death, slavery & license (unlimited exploitation)....a real hell on earth, except for those who get off on these things. why should a person in an outage out in the country wait 3 weeks to even be able to get an appointment with a technician???? That is extremely dangerous. I am opposed to all subsidies for broadband and wireless, and all attempts to make landlines, anything wired, and anything healthy extinct. You are not, and never have been "green", much less concerned with the public welfare. This comment period on this proposed bill was not even announced to the public!!!!

Instead of sneering at people at the FCC, why don't you hire some honest, unconnected people to start running things, and really doi

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Dear FCC,

Please maintain land phones: "switched telephone network".

I have Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS).

Electromagnetic fields interfere/exacerbate this condition.

I have a land phone only. No computer. This message is being generated at a library.

Please reconsider the effect your proposal has on the health, well-being and economy of those, like myself, who require the telephone to communicate with our world...Safely.

Thank you in advance for the healthy choice to maintain land phones.

Virginia M. Rosen, RN, BSN, HNB-BC

For information on MCS:

www.chemicalsensitivityfoundation.org

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I ask that the switched telephone network continue to be maintained. People in rural areas, those who are electromagnetically sensitive, and my use of DSL service all depend on it.

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Please do not allow the elimination of landline telephones. This would cause great hardship for the ever-increasing number of people (around 10 million presently) who cannot tolerate cell-phones because of their electro-magnetic waves. Most of them already cannot use computers, and if we take away landline telephones, they will be disenfranchised!

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I am very strongly opposed to eliminating land phone lines. I feel the radiation every time I use a cell phone. Americans should not be required to use them. As research comes in, it is showing the dangers of brain tumors related to cell phones, especially among children whose skull bones are not yet strong and hard.

Under no circumstance should Americans be forced into using only cell phones.

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I am electrically sensitive. Using a mobile telephone gives me a headache. I rely on land line telephone. Eliminating the land line would discriminate against electrically sensitive people, and would be counter to the Americans with Disabilities Act. It would be discriminatory against people who do not own mobile telephones. Land line must be an available option for all people.

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Organization Name: null

It is my understanding that you are considering shifting landline maintenance funding to cell networks. Please know that I greatly value my landline and hope that you will reconsider this idea.

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I am deeply concerned about the FCC's proposed elimination of landlines. This will make it impossible for those Americans who have electromagnetic sensitivities to have any telephone access. I have a very close friend (and know of others) who cannot use any cell phones or computers -the electromagnetic radiation from them make her extremely ill. She depends on a landline phone. It is crucial for her well being and for her communication purposes.

Please..do not eliminate landline phones - the switched telephone network must be maintained.

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Organization Name: null

I would like to oppose the proposal to abandon Landline Phones. I use my landline phone all the time, and am greatly concerned on the findings of the effects of radiation emitted from cell phones. Please consider the long term effects of cell phone use and give us an option. Do not abandon Landline telephone lines.

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Please do not eliminate land-lines and wired telephone service in the United States.
We rely on it in our home due to heart problems aggravated by wireless signals.

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Hello.

As someone living with significant electromagnetic sensitivities, I wanted to voice my concern over this proposal and note that I currently rely heavily on the switched telephone network for my livelihood and personal communication needs.

I and many like me would be unable to use cellular devices and would struggle with IP telephony systems as well.

I ask the Commission to please not take any steps that could see the elimination of ordinary telephone services as there are many Americans that rely heavily on those services.

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To the FCC,

I have been studying the health effects of wireless communications for eight years. This has included reading countless international studies on the subject. I have also been carefully observing the ways in which it has changed peoples' social, emotional and spiritual lives. Over the course of my work, I have determined that wireless communication is extremely harmful to us on many levels. I choose not to use it at all and I have helped many people to move towards healthier lives by reducing or eliminating the role of wireless technologies in their lives.

I place a very high value on telephone communication, none-the-less, and use it every day. I use our landline with a corded phone and am exceedingly thankful for the technology we have to do so.

I have recently been informed that you are working on a proposed rule that would eliminate landlines. I am writing to you today to ask you to please do everything you possibly can to keep landlines operational. We think landlines are a crucial part of a vibrant and healthy society -- urban and rural, commercial and residential. It would be a tragedy to dismantle our perfectly-operational system of landlines. Widespread ill-health and less effective communications would be the result of switching to a wireless-only system. I would be more than happy to provide you with more-detailed information as to why I find this to be so crucial. Just ask. Please keep our landlines alive!!! Thank you very much, Galilee Carlisle