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Our telecommunication infrastructure is badly in need of restructuring, in both the physical and bureaucratic sense. For too long, telecom companies have been allowed to carve out their spheres of influence, make gentlemen's agreements with one another, and effectively build monopolies that not only keep prices artificially high, but ensure our information infrastructure will lag behind those of other nations. This is not only impacting our professional and personal lives domestically, but it is reducing the competitiveness of the US internationally. By refusing the bend to the will of the telecom industry and preserving a truly open internet, we will take a strong first step in reining in their outsized influence. Reclassify broadband providers as Type II carriers (like they were always meant to be) so that our internet may remain open, our economy vibrant, and our people significantly less hosed.