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We clearly have been unable to prevent the development of an oligopoly in the communications industry. Recognizing this, we must adequately regulate the oligopoly to prevent being ruled by it. The FCC's proposed solution, in addition to making innovation that starts on a small scale far too difficult and probably inhibiting the development of higher Internet speeds for most activities of ordinary consumers, requires continual FCC resistance and action against the great forces a powerful oligopoly wield in favor of anti-competitive actions and practices. Especially in light of the fact that the future composition of the FCC is unknown, the danger of the FCC proposal is obvious. The current FCC proposal should be anathema both to liberals sensitive to inordinate corporate power and to small-government conservatives resistant to constructing procedures that require continual government (FCC) intervention in the economy. In contrast, if common carrier status is instituted, it will be much easier to provide for a competitive market, with all of its benefits, in the future.