

Don't Redline Rural Communities

Broadband service has become a necessity in our society. People need Internet service to apply for jobs, sign-up for healthcare, complete homework, launch a business, and communicate with elected officials. Yet, 14.5 million rural Americans do not have access to broadband service in their home.

Allowing Internet providers to sell fast Internet lanes to those who can afford them would permit the redlining of rural towns and customers who cannot pay for the fast lanes. These Internet providers would claim the low population density of rural areas is not profitable and use it as an excuse to deliberately avoid serving rural communities.

To guarantee that every person in our country can get online and access vital services, the FCC must reclassify Internet service as a Title II Telecommunications Service.

FCC, don't allow Internet providers to redline rural communities! Reclassify Internet as a Title II service and implement strong consumer protections that prohibit Internet providers from neglecting rural people.