

I moved to Spring Hill, TN, at the beginning of 2013. I didn't realize then that my husband and I were two people who were contributing to the rapid growth of the area. Spring Hill's population has exploded in the past fourteen years. Living in a small town in Mississippi for many years, I was excited about moving for various reasons, one being that I thought I'd have access to more internet service providers. I was disappointed to find out that Charter is the only game in town for cable, and AT&T offers extremely slow DSL service. I consider the internet a necessity. We no longer subscribe to cable TV but we continue to subscribe to cable internet because we use it for a variety of things every day. Currently I pay \$55.00 a month for Charter internet. I have called to try to get a better deal and every rep I talk to says there are no better deals to be had unless I want to add a phone and TV (which I do not). How nice it would be if there were some competition in the area. It would be even more nice if Spring Hill had municipal broadband. I'm old enough to remember a time when internet usage wasn't very popular. I started using the internet when I was 15 but didn't really use it every day until I was a graduate student in my early 20s. It is amazing to see all of the rapid technological changes that have occurred since I started using the internet in the mid 1990s. Internet should be considered a utility, a necessity much like electricity and water. Municipal broadband should be freely accessible everywhere in the United States. Most

congresspeople seem to clearly be on the side of the big telecommunications companies, and don't seem to care about the people who have elected them and who they are supposed to represent. The FCC should preempt state laws prohibiting municipal broadband.