

Laws at any level restricting municipal broadband restrict competition and enable telecom companies to provide substandard service in monopolistic business models at high prices without fear of competition. It is the responsibility of the FCC to make sure that these municipal broadband proposals are allowed to come to fruition in all areas of the country.

In my area of TN there are people who are unable to obtain suitable internet coverage...or have no option for coverage at all. People who work in medical transcription have lost their jobs because they were moved to at-home agents and their area cannot maintain an appropriate speed for their work to be completed. Residents have been unable to sell their homes due to no internet provider offering coverage in their area. Schools are unable to utilize computers in small territories due to the restrictions.