

To Whom it May Concern,

Regarding dockets 14-115 and 14-116, I am writing in support of action which can be taken on behalf of the FCC to enable municipalities to create community-owned internet service providers. I believe that it is unjust for states to enact laws which prohibit local communities from creating their own wireline internet service. I believe that this is in direct conflict with the ability of the federal government to regulate interstate commerce. As the internet and commerce conducted therein is in many cases conducted across state lines, the federal government and the FCC is obliged to ensure state laws do not infringe on the this most basic right of the federal government

Currently, in the US a majority of people have access to only one or two internet service providers. If any laws should be created it should be to give people more options and not less. Furthermore, these options should not be limited in order to protect incumbent local monopoly internet service providers as the situation currently stands. Basically, as it stands now established internet service providers cooperate together to divvy up the areas in which they operate in order to not infringe on each others areas, thus reducing competition. I have experienced this exact situation when inquiring with a service provider in a town very near mine, which blatantly stated "your area is already serviced by XXX company and we don't offer service in an area where our competitor already does". This type of non-competitive agreement furthers to hold this country back in developing our national infrastructure and becoming competitive in the global economy.