



Dear Senator:

We write in support of the FCC's proposed ruling to open the empty broadcast television channels (or "white spaces") for public use. On November 4, the Commission has the opportunity to take a major step toward expanding affordable broadband access, especially to working class and rural Americans. Opening white spaces for unlicensed access will trigger major investment, innovation, and public benefit across the country.

Few agency decisions carry the potential to help millions of people. As bloggers of diverse interests, we believe the FCC's proposed rule would be a huge win for the American public -- expanding broadband coverage into regions that need it most, lowering prices for consumers, and triggering lots of new innovation at a time when jobs and investment are under heavy downward pressure.

Moreover, the blogosphere has become the public common of the interactive age. Bringing more people into the online conversation is a boon to public discourse and civic participation.

We respect the extensive testing of FCC engineers which demonstrated that the technology for white space devices works. Good science should now spur a strong public interest outcome.

We urge the FCC to vote on November 4 to open white spaces for everyone.

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