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Committee members,

As part of a family that has no wired access to broadband, I can say from experience that the best way to increase adoption of broadband is to ensure its affordability. Infrastructure costs paid by citizens for expansion need to be straightforward, just and reasonable. Companies that don't want to expand access pull exorbitant prices out of thin air to get people like me to go away.

Expanding only to libraries and other anchor institutions will not help in the long term. It's like having a pay phone in the middle of town. Handy for emergencies, but not reflecting how a phone can really improve your life. You can't really leave that pay phone number for job interview contact information, and you can't go to the library every day to check your email, do school homework, apply for a new career, learn a new skill on Khan academy, etc.

The internet needs to be in every home, and the U.S. Telecommunications industry, with its market capitalization of over 1.8 trillion dollars has the ability and resources to make it a reality. They just choose not to. It costs money that can't go to merging or purchasing companies rather than investing in infrastructure.

While broadband is only 1700 overhead feet from my home, the 26,700 dollar cost to expand to my four neighbors and I means that it might as well be on the surface of the moon.

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