

# Don't Let The Information Superhighway Bypass West Virginia

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## Why the State's plan for broadband doesn't work:

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### It's a waste of taxpayer's money.

This is our state's biggest chance to create a true "Middle Mile" solution – one where the "Internet pipeline" would actually come into West Virginia and supply citizens with the Internet service and speeds that would be on par with the rest of the nation; and be able to grow with the increased Internet bandwidth demands of the future.

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### It strengthens the existing monopoly Frontier holds on Internet connections.

The state is giving money to a private company to run Internet connections.

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### It benefits only a select group – not ALL West Virginians.

Don't work for a state agency or a public school? Then you won't even realize any improvement. Even if you work for a school that could benefit from the state's plan, your school might not be able to afford the high-cost from the monopoly provider of the service. Even though the state gave millions in tax dollars to a private company to build their network, the State of West Virginia did not negotiate any discounted rates for service; an unfortunate, but perfect example of corporate welfare.

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### It doesn't fix the real problem.

It doesn't address the core issue of the state of West Virginia's poor Internet infrastructure; a decaying system, consisting of old phone lines that will never be capable of providing the quickly increasing bandwidth needs of the digital economy. The current plan isn't able to meet the demands of it now, let alone the future.

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### It will keep West Virginia at the bottom of the rankings for affordable access to high-speed Internet.

## What's the solution?

- ✓ Build a true Middle-Mile solution, capable of providing the Internet bandwidth for today's, and the future, needs of a growing digital economy.
- ✓ Allow affordable, competitive access to this Middle Mile.
- ✓ Provide the ability for affordable high-speed Internet for ALL West Virginians.

## Mad? You Should Be!

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