



Save the Date

Can TV White Spaces Close the Digital Divide?

Wednesday, July 26, 2017 -- 12:00 to 1:30 PM
Russell Senate Office Building SR-385
Lunch to be Served

Over 23 million Americans living in rural communities do not have Internet access, primarily because of the high capital costs required to serve less densely populated geographies. A new approach could reduce deployment costs by as much as 80%, thereby providing rural communities with affordable Internet services. However, this proposed wireless broadband service requires using a portion of TV spectrum.

Will the plan work? What will the infrastructure requirements be? Do we have sufficient spectrum? Will the new service interfere with existing communications services?

An expert group of panelists will discuss what this new approach will mean for rural investment, broadband deployment and access, small businesses and consumers:

- Raymond J. Keating, Chief Economist, Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council
- Graham Dufault, Director of Government Affairs, ACT (The App Association)
- Tom Struble, Tech Policy Manager, R Street Institute
- Katie McAuliffe, Executive Director of Digital Liberty & Federal Affairs Manager at Americans for Tax Reform (moderating)
- Steve Pociask, President, The American Consumer Institute

To attend, RSVP to Research@theAmericanConsumer.Org

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