Hey Congress:

Fix the 5G Mistake!

Congress just handed big telecoms billions of taxpayer dollars to deploy an energy-intensive, inefficient and inherently dangerous technology that will perpetuate, not close, the digital divide.

Section 60102 (a) (2) I (ii) (II) of the new infrastructure bill requires that any new priority broadband project must “support the deployment of 5G.”

Are you kidding?

What we need for America’s broadband future is fiber optic to-and-through the premises (FTTP), not the expensive, unreliable, slow and already outdated 5G technology. But unless the bill is fixed, taxpayer funds for improving broadband can only be used for projects that support 5G.

We know that our representatives in Washington can’t read every line of every bill, and probably didn’t notice the telecom lobbyists had stuck that little phrase in the 1036-page infrastructure bill. But they can fix it with an amendment.

SO PLEASE - Call your representatives in Congress today, and tell them they’ve been snookered by the telecom lobbyists. Ask them to fix the 5G Mistake!