

AT&T Wants to Take Away Your Landline!

AT&T is suing California and asking the FCC to preempt consumer protections, and is pushing a constitutional amendment to deregulate telecom. 199,000 customers have already received disconnection notices with false and misleading information about landlines.

AT&T's Landline Notice - Myths vs. Facts

AT&T: *Service will be discontinued on or after June 1, 2027*

FACT: The FCC has not yet approved this. There is still time to oppose AT&T's request!

AT&T: *"AT&T Phone – Advanced" is an upgrade from traditional landlines*

FACT: The so-called "AT&T Phone – Advanced" relies on inferior and less reliable wireless and broadband connectivity. A battery backup is required for power outages, and only lasts 24 hours. After that, your phone goes out – and also your access to 911.

AT&T: *No customer will be left behind*

FACT: This is based on most customers having access to "alternate" services from AT&T or other companies. Much of this is theoretical coverage that is not guaranteed, and even AT&T does not claim 100% of customers will have other options; only 99%.

AT&T: *Copper is less reliable than fiber and wireless*

FACT: Nothing is 100% reliable, but copper is often more resilient than wireless and fiber in important ways. It does not rely on local power, so will often work indefinitely in prolonged power outages. It works consistently, unlike cell coverage which can be spotty and unreliable. Landlines have delivered alerts during Californian wildfires while cell towers were down.

AT&T: *Copper is worse for the environment*

FACT: Central offices may consume tens or hundreds of kW; however, they can also serve tens of thousands of customers. Dense wireless networks involves dozens of individual cell sites each using several kW each, and this doesn't include the energy to charge cell phones or their resource-intensive manufacturing process. Landlines are the clear green choice!

AT&T: *All other states in AT&T's footprint have eliminated landline requirements*

FACT: No state has stood up to AT&T in the way that California has. AT&T is a powerful lobbying force; in Illinois, they bribed the legislature to end service requirements. They are now trying to push an amendment in California to deregulate telecom.

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