

COMMUNICATIONS CRISIS!

AT&T has launched a full-blown assault on reliable communication in California, simultaneously:

1. *Suing the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and California Attorney General Rob Bonta*
2. *Petitioning the FCC to **discontinue service** to 199,000 customers around California* (WC Dockets 26-120, 26-121)
3. *Petitioning the FCC to **preempt** the CPUC's Carrier of Last Resort rules, which ensure phone service is accessible to all Californians* (WC Dockets 26-123, 26-125)
4. *Pushing a **constitutional amendment** in California to deregulate telecom and fully prevent the CPUC from overseeing telecom*



AT&T's alleged "alternatives" are **NOT** equivalent substitutes. **25,000 911 calls failed** during AT&T's 2024 nationwide cellular outage. **Will yours be next?**

Landlines remain critical communications infrastructure for countless Californians:

- ✓ Work in power outages without backup batteries
- ✓ Do not depend on intermittent wireless coverage
- ✓ Provide exact location for 911
- ✓ Provide consistent, clear audio quality
- ✓ Work during nationwide cellular outages



LANDLINES ARE LIFELINES! PEOPLE OVER PROFIT, STOP AT&T!

TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO SAVE OUR CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE!

Submit FCC comments, write your senators, sign petition, and more

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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. During AT&T's 2024 nationwide wireless outage, **25,000 911 calls failed**. A nationwide landline outage has never happened.

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

FACT: AT&T's California copper network uses 100 million kWh annually. Cell sites in the U.S. use more than 21,000 million kWh annually, dwarfing the energy consumption of landline infrastructure. Telephone central offices can efficiently serve tens of thousands of hundreds of thousands of subscribers from a single facility. Wireless networks require cell sites everywhere, and this doesn't include the energy to charge devices 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 a constitutional amendment in California to deregulate telecom.

**Take Action Today to Defend
Access to Reliable Communications!**

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