

SAVE LANDLINES!

DEFEND OUR ANALOG COPPER LANDLINE NETWORK



Analog Copper Landline Telephones Provide the Highest Quality, Reliable, Affordable and Safe Voice Service Available.

Now big telecom companies like AT&T and Verizon are trying to pull the plug on landlines in many states by forcing people to use less-regulated (but more profitable) cell phones or Voice-Over-Internet technologies (VOIP) without any coherent plan to keep people safely and reliably connected.

AB 2395 - currently before the California State Legislature- would allow AT&T to dismantle the state's landline network, costing the public our safety, health, jobs, and cutting off critical emergency communications access to millions of people.

If you want to keep your choice to have a reliable landline in your home or business, regardless of where you live, you need to take action now: contact your legislators, spread the word to friends and family, and help us defeat this threat to our essential landline network.

TAKE ACTION:

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The California Assembly bill, AB 2395, that AT&T is pushing through the legislature to deregulate and discontinue landlines, has been referred to the Appropriations Committee on May 25th. You can find contact info for legislators on our website.

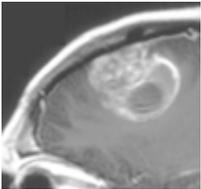
More information: SaveLandlines.org

Get involved: info@savelandlines.org

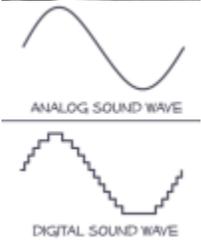
The telecom industry loves to insult landlines as “POTS” — “Plain Old Telephone Service.” The truth is that there is still no substitute for the analog landline telephone network, which remains a crucial communication technology.



Access in an Emergency: Landlines provide reliable location-specific data to emergency 911 operators. In a major disaster when the electricity goes out (and with it, cell towers, cell phones, and computers) landlines are often the only option remaining.



Lower Health Risks: Landlines do not carry the same health risks as cell phones, which emit RF microwave radiation that the WHO says may cause cancer, and is associated with brain tumors.



Higher Voice Quality: Analog landlines remain the highest quality voice option hands down. It is not “progress” to rip out the highest quality network, and replace it with inferior options prone to static, interference, and dropped calls.



Universal Access: Landlines provide basic communications services to everybody including seniors, rural residents, and those in prison. Eliminating this lifeline would leave those without other options disconnected, and isolated.



Solid Union Jobs: Telecom companies are not only discontinuing landline service, but all the good union jobs that go with it, including technicians who repair and install the infrastructure, and operators at the switching station who route collect calls and help people in trouble.

Statement Date: 03/31/09 - 03/31/09	
Account Number: 123456789	
Previous Balance	\$0.00
Payment Partial	\$0.00
MINIMUM	\$0.00
Monthly Service Charge	\$20.00
Access Charge	\$0.10
Credit Adjustments/Other Charges	\$0.00
Unanswered Fees & Taxes	\$0.00
TOTAL CURRENT CHARGE	\$20.10
Due Apr 01, 2009	
Call from activated after Apr 01	
Total Amount Due	1,239.91

Affordability: Unlike landlines, cell phones and VOIP options are not as regulated and costs for the consumer (and profits for the corporation) are higher. Even worse, the same levels of reliability are not guaranteed, and telecom companies are already bullying and deceiving residents into accepting alternatives to landlines.



Security and Hackability: Digital data over VOIP or cellphones is hackable from anywhere, while transmissions over wire can only be intercepted by direct physical access. Landline phone numbers can't be spoofed like digital lines, to impersonate businesses and agencies to defraud people.