

I am a Shortwave listener and I am distressed about how BPL could affect my being able to listen to the shortwave spectrum.

The radio spectrum is a natural resource that must be preserved. When all else has failed, shortwave point to point communication and broadcasting has worked. Especially during natural and national emergencies. In recent years the radio spectrum has become more and more a dumping ground for RF pollution making use (listening and transmitting) more difficult for everyone. The Broadband Over Power Line type proposal has been scrapped and ditched by many other developed countries and labeled as a bad alternative to another means of high speed internet.

Here in the United States, the increased consolidation of media has made Shortwave broadcasts from around the world even more of a necessity. I listen to Shortwave in the mornings when I get up and at bedtime for the latest news. I no longer rely on domestic radio.

If this Administration takes away my freedom to listen to what I want on the radio, I will not be surprised. The FCC should do it's job and protect the shortwave spectrum instead of discriminating against SWLs who don't want to be or can't afford to be hooked up to a computer all day.