

## Why a Government-Built 5G Network is a Bad Idea

This week, the U.S. Chamber made the case against the Department of Defense (DOD) building a nationalized 5G network.

**Why it matters:** All evidence from the past thirty years shows that the private sector, not government, is best positioned to develop the next generation wireless network.

- Since 1996, American communications companies have spent more than \$1.7 trillion dollars in capital investment.
- America's carriers are deploying 5G and will do it more quickly and efficiently than an attempt by DOD to build one from the ground up.

For the nation to reap the benefits it did from 4G leadership, including \$100 billion in additional GDP, it must rely on the ingenuity and investment of the nation's private technology and communications companies.

### Learn more:

- [Let the Private Sector and Free Market Build the Nationwide Communications Network](#)

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