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Starks, ME is unserved by any ISP with the exception of fairpoint setting up a single access point - our community center. Unfortunately, to the small-business creator/owner/manager/employee who requires real-time updates, e-commerce, and general web presence, anywhere but the primary office location of said business (in this case the home office), is unacceptable. Fairpoint is busy upgrading services in the next towns right on our border (Anson/Madison) and failing to even finish installing even basic broadband internet to Starks. I understand that the CAFII funds can be used by none other than Fairpoint, and that without leverage from the FCC we will be left offline for many years. While Fairpoint is a business too and has the right to consider their bottom line - the essential interest of the CAFII (and the funding it gives to fairpoint) is to developed UN-served rural areas such as Starks. I feel this would be egregious miscarriage of funding and efforts. Your attention to this matter is urgently requested. Thank you.