

Lifeline broadband support.

The FCC should only use collective funding to broadband service that is considered broadband by the FCC own broadband definition.

Just like food stamps can't be used to buy luxury goods, the lifeline support should also not fund current limited mobile data plans where one GB comes at a cost of ~\$10 or limited DSL service that's capped and relatively expensive, and only a feasible solution for people without any other real broadband options.

This collective fund needs to be used to offer people a real broadband option and at the same time create another incentive for ISPs to deliver real broadband in accordance with the standards set by the FCC.

There are arguments to make that poor people need the option of buying a mobile data plan that only allows a few GB of data, but this should be considered a luxury product, it might hurt some people short term, but handing out funding for services that don't fit the FCC own broadband definition will reward the telecom companies for not delivering real broadband, while any government action should be used to create incentives for the ISPs to deliver broadband that really is broadband next to supporting the poor.

Please keep in mind that there are many areas where dial-up is the only wired option, I myself found this out the hard way, assuming at least DSL would be an option, in my area AT&T wired footprint the network is physically falling apart and unable to get even a 1mbps DSL connection.

These are all people with money in their pockets to buy service, but unable to get service.

Because the wireless section was more profitable and ATT chose additional profits over slowly bit by bit investing back in all of their wired network to bring it up to current technology and ready for the future, this all happened in areas where the people had to rely on AT&T without any other wired provider options.

Any collective funding to services that don't agree with the FCC broadband definition, even if they are the only options, are rewarding this kind of behavior and creates negative incentives for ISPs to update their networks.

Regards,

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