

This concerns the proposed extension of the Universal Service Fee (USF) to wireless ISPs.

It is unusual to see USF fees directed towards a useful objective. These fees are a relic from when basic phone service required government subsidization - something even the Bells admit is no longer necessary. The USF has become little more than a tool incumbent ILECs use to stifle competition. The FCC would deal its credibility a severe blow by extending USF to wireless ISPs.