

To extend the USF to ISPs offering wireless service in rural settings would be to tax the companies actually doing what the USF was set up to encourage. The money would go to the ILECs and they aren't interested in providing high-speed access in sparsely populated areas. In spite of all the tax incentives and regulatory requirements to do so, the ILECs continue to refuse to deliver service to rural America.

If the FCC has chosen to believe the ONLY providers that can succeed in reaching rural America are the ILECs , then the evidence to the contrary is being ignored.

Wireless ISPs are responsible for the vast majority of growth in the high-speed wireless sector. We are small companies, usually less than 10 employees, usually found in smaller underserved areas, and none of us have CEOs who get million dollar bonuses.

Adding a tax burden to us is counter-productive if the goal is to provide high-speed service to small town and rural America. If the goal is to deliver service where the ILECs don't want to go, then a portion of the USF should be diverted to the WISPs actually delivering services in underserved areas.