

As President of a small wireless broadband service provider, I can tell you first hand that this Proceeding, if allowed to pass, will stifle competition among broadband service providers. We are able to provide a competitive broadband service to residents and businesses over a combination of FCC licensed and unlicensed facilities throughout Yavapai County, Arizona. We compete with some of the local cable companies and the local telephone companies. The fact that we are wireless means that we are not tethered to the local phone companies in any way thus allowing us to provide an affordable product to our customers. If we were required to contribute to the universal service fund, we would be supporting our competitors and we would have to raise the rates that we charge our customers. These are both anti competitive and certainly not in the public's best interest.

We already provide service in areas where wireline telephone still does not exist. We provide broadband services to schools, government facilities and Indian reservations. We provide these services at very affordable rates. Please do not force us to contribute and possibly have to stop providing these services.