

To whom it may concern. I own a rural Wireless Internet Service Provider that provides service to Steamboat Springs, CO and surrounding areas. (www.zirkelwireless.com) My partner and I formed our company because there was a huge lack of availability to high-speed Internet access.

By charging the USF to our customers you would basically be undoing exactly what the USF is set up to do. Both Qwest (the local Telco) and AT&T (the cable provider) have no interest or plans to offer any high-speed access in our area. Our company however is accomplishing this goal quite well. Our wireless system is able to reach areas where the phone company will never dare to go. The central office is in downtown steamboat and most of the town let alone the county is completely out of range for DSL of any kind if and when Qwest decides to offer the service.

I implore you to not mess with a good thing. Repatriating funds to the Telco who is not doing anything here and has made no investment in my network with any copper lines would be a crime. I already have to pay a local loop charge to Qwest and I buy my bandwidth from AT&T so these companies are already receiving funds from my subscribers.

Please let us build our networks without bureaucratic interference. The cost of managing funds that would be paid to the USF would probably put us out of business and drive our prices too high to be competitive.

Sincerely,

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