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Dear FCC:

I am writing to complain about the proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund and requesting that the FCC investigate this matter further before changing the current policy. Your proposed \$1.00 per month charge for all wireless phones will directly impact my ability to retain my wireless service.

I do not think it is fair to charge EVERYBODY \$1.00 dollar regardless of how they use their wireless phone, especially for a low-volume user that relies on wireless service for safety and security, not interstate calls. The current policy is fair, based on interstate usage, and should be left alone. Please do not penalize us. Keep this fair.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

 Vincent G. Bruner  
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ANOTHER TAX RIPP OFF. TO HOW ARE  
YOU PEOPLE GOING TO GET FEELING  
THE GENERAL PUBLIC, YOU WOULD THE  
EXTRA ON PHONE BILLS, FOR US TO PAY FOR POOR PEOPLE,  
WHO DO YOU THINK WE ARE.

CC: FCC Subcommittee Members

# The FCC Wants to Raise the Fees FY TracFone

**SENATORS NOTE !!! READ**

Dear TracFone Customer:

Customize and send our letter to the FCC

OR

Write and send your own letter to the FCC

The Federal Communications Commission (the "FCC") collects from telecommunications carriers such as TracFone what is called a Universal Service Fee or USF fee. These fees are assessed only on the interstate calls you make on your TracFone. These fees are then used by the government primarily to support the high cost of providing telephone services to rural areas.

Wireless providers pass these fees, sometimes with substantial mark-up, to their customers on their monthly phone bills. At TracFone, we pay all of those fees on behalf of our customers.

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The FCC is currently considering a change in the rates at which carriers like TracFone are charged for USF fees. This change would mean that each TracFone customer would pay \$1.00 per month in USF fees on their TracFone service, regardless of the amount of interstate calls made. This is approximately ten times what TracFone pays on behalf of its customers today. Imagine if your real estate taxes or income taxes were increased ten fold! If this measure passes, TracFone would have to raise the cost of your TracFone airtime cards, Service would increase by \$2.00 per 60-day card and our annual service plan would increase by \$12 per card!

We don't want this any more than you do. In fact, we have been spending considerable time, effort and money in Washington, D.C. to try and explain to the FCC how devastating the new charge would be to our customers. But we need your help too.

If you feel this charge would be unfair to you, or if you cannot afford these extra charges, you should tell the FCC Commissioners directly how you feel about this proposal. Simply click on one of the links below to make your thoughts known as soon as possible. This matter may be acted upon by the FCC as early as November 7, 2002. Maybe together, we can make a difference!

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*What you're doing <sup>Hope</sup> you think about <sup>close</sup>  
to the general public  
Thank you  
Vernon Brown*

