

Please help improve the lives of rural Americans by protecting and expanding the Universal Service Fund (USF) for wireless providers. Wireless telecommunications is no longer a luxury in our society; it is a fundamental necessity for public health, safety and economic development.

Capping the fund will shut the door on rural America. Less USF support for rural wireless networks will leave us with poor coverage, dropped calls and dangerous dead zones. The urban/rural technology gap will only widen.

Rural America deserves the same cell phone service as our big cities. I urge you to expand – not cap – the USF. Please don't leave us behind.

I live in a very rural area with poor cellular coverage. I understand that it does not make financial sense for wireless carrier to build out areas like the one I live in without the help of USF money. The area I live in also does not currently have any means of high speed internet access. I am hoping that with the USF money available, wireless companies will build out their data networks to allow people like to have high speed access.