

FCC Public Comment Submittal

I often travel alone to our state capital, Springfield, for business purposes and cell phone service is exceedingly bad. The same thing happens when my daughter travels home from collage in rural Wisconsin, and my family travels for summer holidays.

Cell phone service has become a necessary form of communication, for both business and public safety.

Please help improve the lives of rural Americans and traveling urban dwellers 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.

Thank you.

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