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To: Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

RE: Cap on Universal Service Fund (USF)

I live and work in rural America and have a real concern about high quality wireless communication services. I manage a \$50 million company with over 100 employees serving a large geographic area in Central Washington State. We have 15 outside people who depend on wireless communications. In 1996 Congress created the USF to help build critical telecommunications infrastructure in America's rural areas.

Since 1996 more than \$22 billion have gone to rural land line phone companies, while just \$2 billion have gone to wireless carriers. The FCC is now set to cap the fund, freezing support to providers seeking to build new rural wireless networks and closing the door on rural America.

If the FCC freezes funding to wireless providers, the technological gap face by rural America will only widen. A freeze will also slow economic growth and prohibit people working in rural areas to have the advanced technology and convenience that those enjoy in the urban area.

The lack of high quality wireless coverage in the rural area is also critical to public safety for those that live there and for those traveling to the area.

In summary as we move to more wireless society it only makes sense that we would include rural America in this upgrade. Capping the fund to wireless carriers, who are attempting to improve service in rural America, is unacceptable. We don't need poor coverage and dead zones. We still have too many of these areas. Cell phone coverage is critical to public safety, health and economic development.

Rural America deserves the same cell phone service as our big cities. I urge you expand, not cap, the USF!

Thanks You