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Marlene Dortch
Secretary, Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Room TW-B204
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch:

My 19 year old son travels 400 miles one day a week through rural Northern New Mexico and his cell phone does NOT work during large parts of his drive. Last week he had a flat tire but could not call for help, because of the lack of coverage. Fortunately the "donut" tire worked and he got home safely.

We need better wireless coverage of rural areas everywhere, but I understand that the FCC is considering placing a cap on the use of the Universal Service Fund (USF) for wireless service. I am writing to express my opposition to this unfair, arbitrary proposal. A wireless-only cap is clearly anti-competitive because it singles out wireless technology, which consumers are choosing more and more over landlines. We should be rewarding competition, not punishing it. What's more, rural Americans deserve the same access to telecom services that are available in the rest of the country—isn't that the purpose of the US

The FCC should consider what limiting the growth of wireless access will mean for rural America: wireless technology plays an ever-increasing role in economic growth and is a critical instrument in emergency situations, but if the recommended cap is implemented, many communities may never realize these benefits. In a country that prides itself on equality, it seems hypocritical to restrict certain individuals' access to an essential tool simply because of their geographic location, especially when they

have contributed for years to the USF along with everyone else.

I urge the FCC to vote against the proposed cap on universal service support for wireless service.

Sincerely,

Judith Murphy