

I hear the FCC is considering freezing support for rural wireless infrastructure development. This is unacceptable. Rural areas do not have adequate infrastructure as yet. If this is left entirely to the wireless communication companies, it will never happen. These areas may not have adequate numbers to entice these companies to invest in rural areas. The need for wireless communication in rural areas is just as important as in urban areas. Please reconsider your decision to freeze FCC support. There are several areas in Southern Illinois that currently do not have wireless capability due to lack of towers. Law enforcement is directly impacted by the lack of communication abilities. If anything, FCC should increase funding in this area.