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Marlene Dortch  
Secretary, Federal Communications Commission  
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Dear Ms. Dortch:

A while back, my son was going to visit someone he had met at a Church dance with some friends of his. We didn't mind him going some place he had never been since, by that time, he had a cell phone as did his friend. They went to Bourbonnais and when they couldn't find the house they were looking for in this rural area they mistakenly thought they could call and get directions. They did eventually find where they were looking for, arriving there quite late. What if there had been something like an accident? I see this as a safety issue and as long as the technology is available it should be accessible to everyone who wants it. Ease a Mother's mind.

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 USF?

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,

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