

My name is John, and I have been working in the wireless industry for 19 years, and am very proud of the networks I have installed, monitored and maintained. This includes hundreds of sites that cover rural areas, all over the United States. These sites have saved lives, brought families together, and contributed to a positive US economy.

An excellent example includes a site in Missouri, near the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers. The flood in 1996 in this area caused lost of life, and property to many Missouri residents. This specific site, sitting on a 12 foot rise, other than electricity, this site was not effected by the flood waters. My associates and I would tavel by boat to this site, to fill the generators fuel tanks each day. By maintaining this site, the American Red Cross, and state officials, could communicate with , protect and serve the flood victims there. This rural site is an example of how important it is to continue the build out of rural America.

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.