

Please help improve the lives of rural Americans by protecting and expanding the Universal Service Fund (USF) for wireless providers. Wireless telecommunications is no longer a luxury in our society; it is a fundamental necessity for public health, safety and economic development.

Capping the fund will shut the door on rural America. Less USF support for rural wireless networks will leave us with poor coverage, dropped calls and dangerous dead zones. The urban/rural technology gap will only widen.

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.

Even though the above text was not written by me I fully support it. Wireless service of the highest possible quality belongs everywhere. It makes business easier which can in turn make a local economy stronger, it saves lives and property through easier and quicker communications to emergency services and it enhances peoples' lives by making reaching out to friends and family that much easier. Please do not create a class system between city and rural inhabitants.

Thank you.

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