

Please help improve the lives of rural Americans by protecting and expanding the Universal Service Fund (USF) for wireless providers.

As a city councilman in a rural Iowa town, I see how important access to good technology is to citizens in my town. But it is also important to businesspersons and visitors from larger cities, that come to my town. This is an economic development issue for small towns such as Roland, Iowa.

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.

The internet has helped people stay in my town and improve their quality of life. Don't do something to harm wireless technologies and the benefits that come from it.

Thanks