

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. We need this fund to ensure that all Americans have the same ability and luxury that the big cities have.

I rely totally on my cell phone. It is my primary form of communication with the outside world and I need it to work everywhere that I travel and I live in and around rural areas and I really appreciate having a fund to expand the areas I live in to provide better service for me and my family.

Thank you.