

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.

I live in one of the smaller towns, and in my area we have several places with dropped calls and no signal. I have concerns that if in an emergency situations I would not be able to use my cellular to call for help. I also work with other people in other rural areas that have very poor to no reception where they live. I fear that cellular coverage will get worse...NOT IMPROVE if the USF is capped or removed.

Please consider increasing the fund not decreasing it!

Thank you.

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