

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.

I lived in rural Iowa for over 8 years and while the population density is certainly contrasting to a large metropolitan area, there is still a great need for cellular coverage. Even for those that drive through our great country, much of this is rural land and demands a great need for coverage. Rural Iowans have the same right to have cellular coverage as much as anyone else. Please extend this right to them.

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.

Regards,

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