

Cell phone service in rural areas of the country is almost non-existent because of lack of cell towers. This is in part due to the limited funding of wireless services from the Federal Universal Service Fund (USF). Please take the necessary action to continue the funding of USF and do not put any caps on it. We live in a rural area of Sawyer County, WI between two cell towers about 35 miles apart with no service. Our tax roll population is only 5000 people, but our tourist population swells to almost 50000 people for six months during the summer and winter months. We need another cell tower, as I am sure other rural areas, too, need more cell towers. Without some of this funding for rural areas cell phone providers are reluctant to provide us service unless the FCC helps provide that funding and also pressures the cell phone providers to do so. Please take action to help make cell phone service available to rural areas. William L. Mraz, 10494W Frost Lane, Hayward, WI., 715-462-3433 and drzarm@centurytel.net June 17, 2007