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To: Kevin J. Martin, Chairman  
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Jonathan S. Adelstein, Commissioner  
Debra Taylor Tate, Commissioner  
Robert M. McDowell, Commissioner

Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: Universal Service Reform – WC Docket No. 05-337

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

My name is Carlos W. Herring and I am the Sheriff of Perry County. I am writing you today to urge you to increase funding for wireless services through the Universal Services Fund.

Wireless communication is a matter of public safety. Perry County is 648 square miles, including a large section of the Desoto National Forrest which has very poor cell phone reception. Perry County deputies use cell phone throughout the county to keep personal information off the radio airwaves. In some places it is impossible to place a call from a cell phone and the information has to be broadcasted over the radio system which is heard by many citizens of Perry County. Also for citizens needing assistance it is in impossible in some places to make an emergency call with a cell phone. As I am sure you can appreciate, this greatly impedes our ability to provide services to residents and visitors in Perry County. Additionally, the ability for citizens to communicate wirelessly is vital in a large scale emergency.

As the Sheriff of Perry County I urge you to protect and enhance funding for wireless services through the USF. It is a matter of public safety.

Sincerely,

Carlos W. Herring  
Sheriff

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