

**Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of	)	
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Connect America Fund	)	WC Docket No. 10-90
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A National Broadband Policy for Our Future	)	GN Docket No. 09-51
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Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers	)	WC Docket No. 07-135
	)	
High-Cost Universal Service Support	)	WC Docket No. 05-337
	)	
Developing an Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime	)	CC Docket No. 01-92
	)	
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service	)	CC Docket No. 96-45
	)	
Lifeline and Link Up	)	WC Docket No. 96-95

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RE: Developing a Unified Inter-Carrier Compensation; Document ID: FCC-2011-0078-0001

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In your document at [http://www.fcc.gov/Daily\\_Releases/Daily\\_Business/2011/db0209/FCC-11-13A1.pdf](http://www.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2011/db0209/FCC-11-13A1.pdf) you state, "*The principle that **all Americans** should have access to communications services, a concept referred to as universal service, has been at the core of the Commission's mandate since its founding.*" But if you phase out land line phone service, you will exclude the groups of Americans who absolutely cannot use cell phones or wireless broadband for phone service.

I am referring to we who are biologically sensitive to electromagnetic emissions, and to people with medical implants, who experience interference with their implants from radiofrequency devices, such as cell phones. Without land lines, we will have **no access** to telephones for our business and social communications. And the FCC will abandon its core principle of serving all Americans.

Land lines are lifelines in other ways, too. In emergencies, tiny, fragile cell phones can easily be lost or broken, and they need to be re-charged, not possible when the power is out. During natural disasters, when cell phone service may be uneven, land lines can help emergency personnel know your location. Even cell phone companies rely upon landline systems in such times to complete calls, route calls and connect their towers to the national network.

Besides emergency considerations, landline phones do not have the privacy problems cell phones do. Anyone with the right frequency can tap into cell conversations, and cell phone GPS systems now continuously keep track of people's locations without their permission.

Furthermore, science has not conclusively proven cell phone radiation is biologically harmless to the general population. Some experts recommend taking special precautions with or avoiding cell use until further comprehensive, long-term studies have been completed - which requires land lines be available and working.

While mobile phones might offer convenience, they do not replace the necessity to maintain the landline network. I especially ask you to consider the needs of people like me who cannot tolerate proximity to cellular phones or wireless broadband. Please continue to maintain and support the landline phone system.

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