

Please make local, community-based networks eligible for Connect America Fund support! It is critical to have rural community-based networks receive funding support, not just the big corporations that already have deep pockets and legions of lobbyists working for their causes.

The big corporations should only receive this money if they guarantee long term participation. Verizon is in the process of dumping our region now. Local phone service (and internet) has been sold off, and cell phone coverage (and wireless speed) is diminishing as well. They will not do what is not profitable, whereas MAIN, my community-based provider, is committed to me without conflicts of interest.

Respectfully,

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