

With the advent of pay-as-you-go cell phones, universal telephone service has been achieved in the United States - it's common to see young children with their own telephones now.

While it's a fine idea to change the Universal Service Fund to target access to broadband Internet service, the "ABC" plan being considered by the FCC does not serve the public interest nor protect the public pocketbook.

Any new rules that the FCC adopts must require phone companies to justify additional fees. The FCC must require strong regulatory oversight in exchange for carriers' receiving this ratepayer-funded subsidy.