

This week the FCC is voting on a reform of the Universal Service Fund program. I agree with the agency that the program's goals are noble - but outdated - and that the agency must find a way to funnel its resources toward building broadband networks rather than phone lines.

MY GRANDDAUGHTERS LIVE IN FULTON COUNTY PENNA AND HAVE VERY POOR ACCESS TO THE INTERNET. WE NEED BROADBAND NATIONWIDE SO ALL THE CHILDREN CAN HAVE ACCESS TO CYBER SCHOOLS AND INTERNET SITES LIKE NASA, USGS, MUSEUMS THAT HAVE INTERACTIVE PROGRAMS, ETC.

However, the rules proposed in the industry-authored "ABC plan" would do little to promote the public interest. They would simply allow phone companies like AT&T and Verizon to extract billions more from consumers with no accountability. THESE CORPORATIONS NEED TO SUPPLY THE NEEDS OF THE COMMONS AND EARN THEIR CITIZENSHIP!

Any new rules that you adopt must FORCE phone companies to HIRE additional COMPUTER PEOPLE AND LINEMEN TO KEEP THE SERVICE AVAILABLE THROUGH STORMS AND ANY FIRES before they start taking even more hard-earned money out of our pockets. The Commission must require strong regulatory oversight in exchange for carriers' receiving this ratepayer-funded subsidy.

THE CEO'S SALARIES MUST BE LIMITED AS MUST THE EXTRA BONUSES AND BENEFITS TO NO MORE THAN 3 TIMES THE LOWEST PAID EMPLOYEES.

OCCUPY CORPORATIONS!!!!