

This week the FCC is voting on a reform of the Universal Service Fund program. The program's goals are outdated.

The rules proposed in the industry-authored "ABC plan" would do little to promote the public interest. They would simply permit phone companies like AT&T and Verizon to extract billions more from consumers with no accountability.

Any new rules that you adopt must require phone companies to justify additional fees 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.