

Country Connections LLC would like to bring to your attention discrepancies on the Connect America Fund maps in the Ohio Counties where we serve including Fayette, Clinton, Highland, Ross, Pickaway, Madison, Greene, Clark, Union, Champaign, and Franklin. We are a fast growing Wireless Internet Service Provider (WISP) that serves well over 2000 square miles of rural Ohio. For several years we have worked closely with Connect Ohio to identify unserved areas and we have supplied updated coverage information as we have expanded into those areas. Please reference the Connected Nation website maps titled "Analysis of Connect America Fund Eligible Areas," last updated on January 7, 2013. These maps clearly show the discrepancies where FCC data indicates unserved or partially served areas, but Connect Ohio data indicates that the areas are fully served.

We have been a voluntary participant in the State Broadband Initiative (SBI) program in Ohio. We have collaborated with Connect Ohio as they have conducted independent field verification activities that have validated the existence of our coverage areas and reported speed tiers. The list of eligible census blocks released by the FCC are not accurate because they appear to be based on outdated data for our service area. Our company has and will continue to invest substantially to expand service beyond our current service area. We respectfully request that the discrepancies in the Connect America Fund maps be corrected before the FCC provides funding of assumed unserved areas to avoid the unnecessary overbuilding and cost in areas that are actually already served.

Thank you,
Mark Stephenson,
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