

Senator [Name]
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

or

Representative [Name]
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator or Representative [Name]:

I am a member of Hill Country Telephone Cooperative, Inc., a small, rural telecommunications provider located in Ingram, Texas. Hill Country serves approximately 10,800 members (customers) providing a wide-array of communications services including long distance, security & alarm, technical support and Internet services. Being a community-based communications provider, Hill Country strives to provide high-quality, affordable service to residents and businesses of our rural service area—your constituents.

Many small businesses in my community depend on access to affordable, quality broadband service to serve their customers, to remain competitive with businesses in more urban areas and from around the world, and to expand our business to new markets and customers. Without the deployment of broadband with robust speeds, I fear our rural community will fall behind in terms of economic development, educational opportunities, advances in health care, and quality of life.

That's why I am extremely concerned with the FCC's National Broadband Plan. The plan will have serious negative consequences for consumers living in rural America by creating a digital divide by calling for broadband speeds of 100 mbps to 100 million homes in urban areas while only supporting 4 mbps in rural areas through the Connect America Fund.

This large disparity is unacceptable, and I urge you to contact the FCC to tell them so. Quality broadband service is fundamental to sustaining and bringing high-paying jobs to our rural communities, and the FCC plan should not undercut the investment and commitment Hill Country Telephone has already made to deploy broadband service to your constituents.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
[Your Address]