



Mail Your Letter to Washington Decision-Makers

Below is a sample letter you can use when writing your Members of Congress

Dear [Member of Congress],

I respectfully request that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) keep the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection system fair. I believe that the current USF is fair because it collects based on usage (minutes used of long distance). The proposed change under consideration by the FCC to a subscriber line (per user) fee will unfairly discriminate against low-volume users — including prepaid wireless users — since their USF fees would be the same as high-volume users. It is simply not fair to charge low-volume users the same amount as high-volume long distance consumers, like businesses. I urge the Commission to reject any proposal to change to a flat, connections-based system.

I will make my position known to the FCC, Members of Congress and the public, so that they may oppose these efforts to increase the costs of our vital telecommunications services.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[Your name]

[Your city] [Your state]

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Below is a sample letter you can use when writing to the
Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

Subject: RE: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service — Docket 96-45

Dear Chairman Martin,

I urge you to support the "Fair Share Plan" as a solution to current concerns with the Universal Service Fund (USF). The Fair Share Plan will keep the USF fair, ensuring that consumers like me do not pay the same rate into the USF as big businesses, **regardless of how little I may use long distance.**

The Keep USF Fair Coalition submitted the Fair Share Plan to the FCC on January 31, 2005. It expands who pays into the USF so that other technologies—not just phones—pay into the system. The Fair Share Plan collects the USF using a combination numbers- and revenue-based plan. This keeps the system fair, equitable and non-discriminatory.

Under the flat fee or numbers-based plan you are considering, people like me who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. I believe it would be **unfair to charge low-volume and residential customers the same fees as high-volume residential or business customers.**

I urge you to keep the USF fair, and adopt the Fair Share Plan. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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