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**WTA Welcomes Supreme Court Ruling
Upholding Constitutionality of Universal Service Fund**

WASHINGTON, D.C. (June 27, 2025) – WTA – Advocates for Rural Broadband applauds today’s ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court that the Federal Universal Service Fund (USF) is constitutional, a welcome relief to those who depend on robust rural broadband networks. The USF provides vital support for the construction, upgrade, and maintenance of rural networks, as well as subsidized broadband connections to schools, libraries, rural health care institutions, and Americans with low-incomes.

“We’re relieved that the Court recognized the constitutionality of the USF and rejected the erroneous arguments made by the plaintiff in today’s ruling,” said Derrick Owens, WTA’s Senior Vice President of Government and Industry Affairs. “As we highlighted in our *amicus* brief, there would have been significant harm to rural America had the court sided with the Fifth Circuit’s *en banc* decision.”

“Now that this legal cloud is, hopefully, behind us, we urge Congress and the FCC to make the needed modernizations to USF and update its contribution and distribution mechanisms so that our nation has a sustainable, sufficient fund for the future.”

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WTA – Advocates for Rural Broadband is a national trade association that represents nearly 400 small, rural telecommunications carriers providing broadband, voice, and video-related services in the United States. WTA’s members serve some of the most rural and hard-to-serve communities in the country and are on the forefront of bringing 21st Century telecommunications services to rural America. To learn more about WTA, visit www.w-t-a.org.