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Good morning! I read the article "Bridging the Digital Divide" in the most recent issue of Rural Missouri. The endnote encourages readers to email this address regarding lack of broadband availability and access. I wanted to be sure I was among those of us living in rural America who responded! Not having access to high speed internet has affected our lives greatly. I am an adjunct professor, and I often am unable to post grades, or respond to student emails, much less even consider really utilizing all that our university website has to offer for both faculty and students. Cell phone service is a joke. I am exactly one mile from "real service" based on the towers currently available. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. That's another issue...we have to pay the outrageous price of DirecTV just so he has more to choose from. For my unreliable AT&T wireless card for my laptop, our two cell phones (which usually do not send or receive calls from most areas of our home), our satellite TV, and the need to keep the expensive landline, again because we need at least ONE reliable service, we spend about \$450 a month. I find it ridiculous, sad, depressing, and extremely unfair that in this land of what we call opportunity that really opportunity only exists for people living in urban areas.

Thank you! I hope something changes soon. This really is unfair.
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