

WASHINGTON - Representatives Rick Boucher (VA-09) and Lee Terry (NE-02) will hold a press conference on Thursday, April 26, 2007, to provide information regarding the introduction of the Universal Service Reform Act of 2007.

**WHEN:** 2:00 p.m. EST, Thursday, April 26, 2007

**WHERE:** 2218 Rayburn House Office Building

**Background**

Since enactment of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, the revenue base which supports the Universal Service Fund (USF) has eroded.

The Universal Service Reform Act of 2007 would ensure the continued viability of the USF and its continued ability to support the provision of communications services in rural and underserved areas. The measure would broaden the base of contributions into the fund, control distributions from the fund and allow use of universal service support for broadband deployment. It would also make a number of other needed changes to improve fund administration.

