

## **Comment from Amado Alejandro Baez**

Rural areas constitute ~97% of the US land mass and home to 40-60 Million Americans. Rural communities have been found to have important access and outcomes concerns when it comes to trauma care (references).

We believe that an important portion of these grants should be allocated to improvements in rural trauma care and research.

<https://www.cureus.com/articles/41135-making-it-work-a-preliminary-mixed-methods-study-of-rural-trauma-care-access-and-resources-in-new-mexico>

<https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/200997>

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