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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex Parte Presentation, Bridging the Digital Divide for Low-Income Consumers, WC Docket No. 17-287, Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization WC Docket No. 11-42, and Telecommunications Carriers Eligible for Universal Service Support WC Docket No. 09-197

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On October 24, 2018, Scott Bergmann and Matthew Gerst of CTIA, Charles McKee and Norina Moy of Sprint, and Mark Rubin of Tracfone (collectively, “the Parties”) met with Nicholas Degani and Nirali Patel of Chairman Ajit Pai’s office with regard to the above-captioned proceedings.

During the meeting, the Parties expressed support for the Commission’s goal of closing the digital divide, particularly through the use of mobile wireless technologies. In pursuit of this goal, the Parties reiterated a commitment to working with the Commission and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) to strengthen the administration of the Lifeline program, which makes these essential communications services more affordable for millions of low-income consumers. As long-time supporters of the National Lifeline Eligibility Verifier, the Parties discussed its implementation, including opportunities for deployment of an Application Program Interface that can both enable efficient verification for eligible low-income consumers and safeguard program integrity.



The Parties reiterated their commitment to collaborating with the Commission and USAC to close the digital divide through the Lifeline program and strengthening the program's integrity by supporting the technical and procedural solutions that will ensure the success of the National Lifeline Eligibility Verifier.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter is being filed in ECFS and provided to the Commission participants. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Scott K. Bergmann

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cc: Nicholas Degani
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