



March 13, 2019

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

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On March 11, 2019, Matthew Gerst of CTIA and outside counsel L. Charles Keller of Wilkinson Barker Knauer LLP along with representatives from CTIA's member companies Sprint and Tracfone met with staff from the Commission's Wireline Competition Bureau and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) to discuss the implementation of the National Lifeline Eligibility Verifier (NLEV). A complete list of attendees is attached as an appendix to this letter.

In the meeting, CTIA and its member companies discussed the implementation of the National Lifeline Eligibility Verifier (NLEV), including opportunities for deployment of an Application Program Interface (API) that can both enable efficient verification for eligible low-income consumers and safeguard program integrity. Specifically, CTIA and its member companies discussed the benefits of incorporating APIs between the NLEV and Lifeline providers' websites in order to minimize duplicative burdens on eligible low-income consumers.¹ We observed that APIs to Lifeline providers' websites could also facilitate the application process, reduce burdens on USAC, and enhance program integrity.

¹ See, e.g., Comments of CTIA, WC Docket Nos. 17-287, 11-42, and 09-197 (filed Dec. 18, 2018).



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/ Matthew Gerst

Matthew Gerst
Vice President, Regulatory Affairs

cc: FCC & USAC attendees (see appendix)



Appendix
Meeting Attendees
March 11, 2019

Trent Harkrader	FCC/WCB
Ryan Palmer	FCC/WCB
Jodie Griffin	FCC/WCB
Allison Baker	FCC/WCB
Kumar Chandran	FCC/IT
Michelle Garber	USAC
James Lee	USAC
Davon Nasir	USAC
Stephan Mitchev	USAC
Abirami Vijayaraghavan	USAC
Matthew Gerst	CTIA
L. Charles Keller	Wilkinson Barker Knauer LLP
Norina Moy	Sprint
Grace Boehm	Sprint / Assurance Wireless
Mark Rubin	TracFone Wireless
Pablo Senzanonna	TracFone Wireless / Emerios