



April 9, 2019

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: WC Docket No. 17-287, Bridging the Digital Divide for Low-Income Consumers

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Monday, April 8, 2019, Craig Aaron, CEO of Free Press, and I spoke by phone to Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel and her wireless advisor, Umair Javed.

We reiterated points raised in Free Press' comments and reply comments in the above-captioned proceeding. I advised that the Commission terminate said proceeding without delay. Not only would the proposed changes to Lifeline posed in the NPRM severely frustrate the Commission's goal of bringing affordable broadband to all Americans, the very existence of this long, drawn-out proceeding has loomed like a dark cloud over the program. It likely has caused reduced Lifeline provider participation in the program, and fewer choices for Lifeline users.

I submit this notice of ex parte presentation pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules.

Respectfully,

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