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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
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Re: Notice of Oral *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; Telecommunications Carriers Eligible for Universal Service Support, WC Docket No. 09-197; Applications of T-Mobile U.S., Inc. and Sprint Corporation for Consent to Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations, WT Docket No. 18-197; Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment, WT Docket No. 17-79

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Federal Communications Commission's ("Commission") rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, this letter notifies the Commission that on September 12, 2018, Eduardo Diaz Corona, Richard Salzman, and Mark Rubin of TracFone Wireless, Inc. ("TracFone"), and Megan Brown of Wiley Rein LLP and counsel for TracFone, met with Commissioner Brendan Carr and discussed the above-referenced proceedings.

The parties discussed TracFone's involvement in the federal Lifeline program and its longstanding role in advocating reforms to prevent waste, fraud, and abuse in the Lifeline program. The parties also discussed the draft *Fourth Report and Order, Order on Reconsideration, Memorandum Opinion and Order, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, and Notice of Inquiry* pending before the Commission in the above-referenced proceedings. TracFone explained its concerns that restriction of the program to facilities-based carriers would hamper the ability of telecommunications providers to offer Lifeline services and deprive low-income customers of access to the beneficial communications technology. The parties discussed how conduct-based rather than status-based criteria for determining waste, fraud, and abuse are more precise and appropriate.



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The parties briefly discussed TracFone's view on the proposed merger of T-Mobile and Sprint, which is pending before the FCC in WT Docket No. 18-197. TracFone believes that the merger would not only result in more rapid deployment of a nationwide 5G network, but also create a more competitive wholesale marketplace.

The parties also discussed the importance of wireless infrastructure deployment and sensible siting policies. TracFone noted its support for Commission work to evaluate and remove barriers to deployment and review local fee structures, as it is proposing in WT Docket No. 17-79, referenced above.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Best regards,

/s/ Shawn H. Chang

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Enclosure