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Secretary

Federal Communications Commission

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Washington, DC 20554

**RE: WC Docket No. 03-109,  
WC Docket No. 06-122,  
WT Docket No. 18-197,  
MB Docket No. 18-349**

Mrs. Dortch,

In accordance with Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules,<sup>1</sup> this letter provides notice of oral ex parte presentations to the Commission in the above-captioned dockets. On Tuesday September 24, 2019, Alex Nogales, CEO & President, Brenda Castillo, CEO & President Elect, and Daiquiri Ryan, consultant, from the National Hispanic Media Coalition (NHMC) met with Commissioner Geoffrey Starks and his Legal Advisor, Michael Scurato to discuss the Sprint/T-Mobile Merger, the Lifeline program, the ongoing USF Cap proposal and the Quadrennial Review.

NHMC spoke about its reasons for supporting the Sprint/ T-Mobile merger, namely that the subscriber base for each company is largely made up of people of color and each company has affordable, low-cost options. NHMC also expressed its hopes for increased diversity in the future workforce and continued support of the Lifeline program should the merger be approved.

NHMC also spoke in support of the recent Prometheus case victory and the need for continued efforts to diversify media and media ownership. Ms. Ryan referenced the comments NHMC filed earlier this year in the Commission's Quadrennial Review proceeding which detailed opposition to the rollback of several media ownership rules and proposed a revised media tax certificate as a driver of diversity in ownership.

Finally, NHMC briefly spoke about its concerns with the ongoing threats to the Lifeline program, including its opposition to the pending USF Cap proposal. In particular, NHMC is concerned with the coming changes in Lifeline minimum standards that are set to increase at the end of 2019. In particular, NHMC voiced concerns over a decline in Lifeline subscribership this year and the potential for even steeper declines should the minimum standards not be revisited via the Stop and Study petition NHMC filed with allies earlier this year. Additionally, NHMC expressed

concerns over the Chairman's newly announced investigation into Sprint's alleged mishandling and misrepresentation of Lifeline funds.

Respectfully Submitted,

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