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Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Ex Parte* disclosure pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b) in WC Docket Nos. 11-42, 09-197, 10-90

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 9, 2015, the following individuals, representing public interest and civil rights organizations working on modernizing the Lifeline program (“Lifeline Coalition”) -- in person: Olivia Wein, National Consumer Law Center; Ariel Fox Johnson, Common Sense Kids Action; Sarah Morris, Open Technology Institute at New America; Brian Thorn, Communications Workers of America; Todd O’Boyle, Common Cause; Praveen Fernandes, The Raben Group; Larra Clark, American Library Association; Matt Wood, Free Press; Phillip Berenbroick, Public Knowledge; Dallas Harris, Public Knowledge; Cheryl Leanza, United Church of Christ, OC Inc.; Kham Moui, OCA -Asian Pacific American Advocates; Mike Scurato, National Hispanic Media Coalition; Andy Lomeli, National Hispanic Media Coalition; Hazeen Ashby, National Urban League; Corrine Yu, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights; via Phone: Danielle King, Center for Rural Strategies and Steven Renderos, Center for Media Justice, met with Travis Litman, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Rosenworcel.

In our meeting the Lifeline Coalition expressed strong support for the Lifeline program and the need to move quickly to modernize Lifeline to include broadband. The groups stressed the importance of consumer choice and control in where to direct their Lifeline support, i.e., voice-only (wired or wireless) or broadband (wired or wireless). The groups expressed strong concerns that modernization of the Lifeline program design not lead to waiting lists or denial of Lifeline for eligible households. The Coalition voiced support for transferring eligibility determination away from the providers and to a national eligibility verification process. The Lifeline Coalition also strongly urged thoughtful and robust outreach and education measures in light of the magnitude of the changes to the Lifeline program. They recommended funding for neutral

outreach and education through the community and anchor institutions to prepare current and potential Lifeline participants for the new Lifeline program

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Olivia Wein". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a solid horizontal line.

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