

December 18, 2015

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: WC Docket No. 11-42 Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization
NOTICE OF EX PARTE PRESENTATION**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 16, 2015, following a meeting to discuss efforts by TracFone Wireless, Inc. (“TracFone”) and the National Health IT Collaborative for the Underserved to improve health care services generally, and for low income consumers specifically, my colleague, Elizabeth Simonhoff Perez and I raised issues related to the above-captioned proceeding with Michele Ellison, Deputy General Counsel of the Federal Communications Commission and Chair of the FCC’s Connect2HealthFCC Task Force, Karen Onyeije and Chief of Staff, Connect2Health FCC Task Force, Associate General Counsel, Deborah E. Klein, Special Counsel, and Dr. Yahya Shaikh, Senior Advisor, Connected Health.

Specifically, we reiterated TracFone’s support of the Commission’s goals of increasing participation, promoting competition, and safeguarding the program from waste, fraud, and abuse. Specific issues discussed included the following:

- TracFone’s proposal to make broadband available to Lifeline households by requiring wireless Lifeline providers to offer at no charge to qualified consumers Wi-Fi-enabled smartphones that could utilize free Wi-Fi hotspots provided through public facilities;
- TracFone’s support for a third party eligibility verifier;
- The reasons why implementation of a direct benefit transfer (“voucher”) or a benefits account system would discourage Lifeline participation by unduly burdening consumers and complicating a system that already works well; and

- Why Lifeline eligibility should not be limited to a single qualifying program such as the SNAP and how states should be incentivized to create their own databases that would encompass, at a minimum, participant data for verification purposes from SNAP, Medicaid, SSI, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Family (TANF) programs.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, this letter is being filed electronically.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mark Rubin

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