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

Re: *Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization*, WC Docket No. 11-42

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 14, 2016, Beth Choroser and the undersigned of Comcast met with Jon Wilkins of the Office of Managing Director, and Matthew DelNero, Trent Harkrader, Ryan Palmer, Jay Schwarz, Charles Eberle and Jodie Griffin of the Wireline Competition Bureau to discuss Lifeline reform proposals in the above-referenced docket.

We reiterated Comcast's support for the Commission's efforts to modernize the Lifeline program to support broadband services effectively. Consistent with Comcast's comments in this proceeding, we urged the Commission to simplify and streamline the rules for program entry and provider participation. In particular, the Commission should remove providers from the customer eligibility verification process by implementing a national third-party verifier, which would also reduce opportunities for waste, fraud and abuse. If the Commission takes such action, we urged the Commission to minimize the transition period to a new system.

We also stated that provider participation criteria such as the current eligible telecommunications carrier requirement should be eliminated or simplified through a streamlined federal registration process. Such steps would increase provider participation and help ensure that low-income consumers receive robust services. We further discussed that the Commission should not adopt minimum service standards that place undue restrictions on Lifeline customers' ability to apply their Lifeline subsidy to the broadband services that best meet their needs.

In the meeting, we also discussed the critical importance of addressing a bucket of digital literacy and relevancy issues in order to meaningfully tackle the broadband adoption gap, and we urged the Commission to take steps to promote comprehensive broadband adoption programs that include digital literacy and relevancy training.

Please direct any questions to the undersigned.

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Sincerely,

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