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*Via Electronic Comment Filing System*  
Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington D.C. 20554

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Communication by the California Emerging Technology Fund,  
*Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization*, et al,  
WC Docket Nos. 11-42, 09-197, and 10-90

Dear Secretary Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, the undersigned counsel hereby provides notice of the following presentations by the California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF), EveryoneOn, and the County of Los Angeles (County of LA) on the above-referenced proceeding relating to modernizing and restructuring the Lifeline program, particularly as to the addition of broadband services.

On January 21, 2016, CETF Outside Counsel Rachelle Chong; Zach Leverenz, CEO, EveryoneOn; and Greg Campbell and Randy Davis, representing the County of Los Angeles, met with Commissioner Ajit Pai, and Brendan Carr, Legal Advisor for Wireless, Public Safety and International.

During the meeting, CETF recommended that all low-income households be included in any Broadband Lifeline program, particularly seniors, people with disabilities and veterans. CETF proposed that a wireless router be included in any modem provided as part of the program, in order for school-issued electronic devices to be compatible with the broadband service being provided. CETF supports a \$10 per month contribution from eligible households, except for those in publically-subsidized housing and those living on Supplemental Security Income (SSI). CETF urged that both a telephone Lifeline and a broadband Lifeline subsidy be provided, so as to not force consumers to choose between the two critically necessary technologies and programs. CETF supported using the National Lifeline Accountability Database for Broadband Lifeline, to identify consumers and verify eligibility. CETF encouraged the FCC to allow an independent fund be set up to support community-based organizations (CBOs) and schools and libraries as trusted messengers to assist in enrolling eligible low-income households and participate in public-private partnerships that can be administrated though state regulatory agencies who opt in, with fund managers selected through an open competitive process. CETF asked that states not be precluded from establishing their own broadband Lifeline programs.

EveryoneOn encouraged the Commission to set performance goals to reach the national broadband plan goal of 90% by 2020 with disadvantaged populations no less than 80%. EveryoneOn raised issues relating to how best to prioritize connections to low-income households, despite the

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challenges faced with funding such an initiative. The County of Los Angeles emphasized how important affordable broadband is for families who wish to take advantage of health and education initiatives in Los Angeles requiring Internet access. 80% of LAUSD students are on the National School Lunch Program.

The handouts are attached that were distributed at the meeting.

In accordance with Section 1.206(b)(2)(iii), this notice is timely filed.

Sincerely yours,

*/s/ Rachelle Chong*

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