

February 19, 2016

Marlene H. Dortch
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);
Telecommunications Carriers Eligible for Universal Service Support (WC Docket No. 09-197);
Connect America Fund (WC Docket No. 10-90); and Current Trends in LTE-U and LAA
Technology (ET Docket 15-105)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 12, 2016, representatives of the City of New York (“the City”) – Maya Wiley, Joshua Breitbart, and myself – met with Commissioner Wheeler’s advisors, Gigi Sohn and Eric Feigenbaum.

The City urged consideration of reforms to the Lifeline program to allow for subsidy aggregation to support ongoing efforts to bring fast and affordable broadband to public housing residents. NYC committed to supporting changes that would allow the City build on its efforts to bridge the digital divide, particularly in NYC Housing Authority (“NYCHA”) developments. The City also voiced strong support for Chairman Wheeler’s recent proposal to unlock the set top box market to give consumers more choice by allowing for competition, and shared plans to publicize this support to relevant stakeholders and leaders. Additionally, the City highlighted the importance of wi-fi networks to its connectivity efforts.

Sincerely,

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New York City, Office of the Counsel to the Mayor

cc: Gigi Sohn
Eric Feigenbaum