

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”) – Joshua Breitbart, and myself – met with Commissioner Clyburn’s advisors, Rebekah Goodheart and Holly Saurer.

The City shared an update on the status of a proposal for franchise contracts, from negotiations with cable providers to efforts to convert payphones on City property to payphone and wi-fi facilities. We shared details of a recent NYC fact-finding mission to Philadelphia to learn more about Philadelphia’s efforts to win unprecedented concessions from Comcast to support low income families. We also 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. 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. 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: Rebekah Goodheart
Holly Saurer