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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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 18, 2016, Frank Buono, Rudy Brioche, Mary McManus and the undersigned of Comcast Corporation (“Comcast”) met with Rebekah Goodheart, Wireline Legal Advisor to Commissioner Clyburn 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. Provider participation criteria such as the current eligible telecommunications carrier requirement also should be eliminated or simplified such as through a streamlined federal registration process. We discussed that these steps would facilitate broader participation in the Lifeline program. Finally, we highlighted that closing the digital divide is fundamentally dependent on a comprehensive approach that addresses digital relevance and digital literacy, the cost of computing equipment, and the cost of broadband service.

Please direct any questions to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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cc: Rebekah Goodheart