

March 24, 2016

**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: WC Docket No. 11-42 - Lifeline Reform and Modernization  
EX PARTE PRESENTATION**

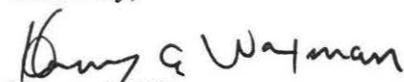
Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 22, 2016, I spoke with Chairman Tom Wheeler via telephone regarding the above referenced proceeding. During our conversation I raised three significant concerns I have with regard to the Commission's effort to modernize the Lifeline program, as outlined by the March 8, 2016 Fact Sheet released by the Commission. They are:

- The likely impact of a de facto co-pay system imposed on Lifeline customers who select wireless services because of the cost associated with meeting the FCC's minimum service standards for wireless voice, data, or bundled service offerings, including the likelihood of a drastic reduction in Lifeline participation because many eligible subscribers simply won't have the ability or means to make monthly payments;
- The forced migration of Lifeline support from voice to broadband services within three years and the unintended consequences it may have in limiting Lifeline customer's service options and denying them access to essential services such as 9-1-1; and
- The inequitable treatment of phasing out wireless voice-only Lifeline service while maintaining wireline voice-only Lifeline service.

I urged the Chairman to convene key stakeholders and seek a consensus solution that reflects the common goal of infusing the Lifeline program with broadband without sacrificing consumer choice and participation in the Lifeline program.

Sincerely,

  
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Chairman  
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