



March 24, 2016

VIA ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Notice of Ex Parte Presentations
Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization (WC Docket
No. 11-42); Lifeline and Link Up (WC Docket No. 03-109)*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 23, 2016, I spoke with Nicholas Degani, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Ajit Pai.

In our discussion, CTIA expressed support for the Commission's goal to evolve the Lifeline program to support broadband services, including mobile wireless broadband, and agreed that the proposed reforms to program administration will help to further improve the effectiveness of Lifeline. However, CTIA expressed significant concern that the minimum standards for mobile wireless services described in the Commission's recent Lifeline Fact Sheet will have a negative impact on millions of participating low-income consumers later this year when the new rules force a flash cut to unlimited mobile wireless voice minute plans.

Consistent with recent filings in the record, CTIA believes there is a more reasonable path to reach the Commission's goals of transitioning the Lifeline program to support mobile wireless broadband based on today's market realities. As the Commission has used in other major universal service reform proceedings, CTIA urged the Commission to engage the major stakeholders of Lifeline reform in a collaborative process that could lead to agreement on a path forward.



This letter is filed consistent with the Commission's ex parte rules. Please direct any questions regarding this filing to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

/s/ Scott Bergmann

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cc: Nicholas Degani