

**Notice of Ex Parte**

March 31, 2016

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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

During the morning and early afternoon of March 31, 2016, David Grossman, Chief of Staff and Media Policy Advisor for Commissioner Mignon Clyburn, and in some instances Rebekah Goodheart, Legal Advisor for the Commissioner, communicated with the Offices of Rep. Doris Matsui, Rep. Mike Doyle, Rep. Jerry McNerney, House Energy & Commerce Committee Democratic Staff, Senator Cory Booker, Senator Richard Blumenthal, Senator Chris Murphy, and Senate Judiciary Committee Democratic Staff. These offices expressed concern about the imposition of a cap on the Lifeline program and the harm it could have on its intended beneficiaries.

Additionally, Senator Claire McCaskill's office encouraged the Commissioner to reach a compromise on the Lifeline Order.

Further, Commissioner Clyburn communicated with Senator Cory Booker who expressed concern about the imposition of a cap on the Lifeline program and the impact it would have on his constituents.

Finally, the Offices of Rep. Anna Eshoo and Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi inquired about the status of the Lifeline proceeding but did not advocate a position.

Under Section 1.1203(a)(4) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1203(a)(4), presentations made by a Member of Congress or his or her staff are explicitly exempt from the sunshine period prohibition, unless the presentation is of substantial significance and clearly intended to affect the ultimate decision, and is made in a permit-but-disclose proceeding, in which case the presentation must be placed in the record. While all of these communications may not meet this standard, in the interest of full transparency, they are included in this Notice.