

Notice of Ex Parte

April 1, 2016

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

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.

Pursuant to this section, the enclosed correspondence, which have been redacted to omit personal/proprietary information, are being 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.

Enclosure

David Grossman

From: McCarthy, Margaret
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2016 11:14 AM
To: David Grossman; Rebekah Goodheart
Subject: Fwd: FCC delays meeting for last-minute Lifeline negotiations

This is a very bad deal. Please call me.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: POLITICO Pro Technology Whiteboard <politicoemail@politicopro.com>
Date: March 31, 2016 at 10:50:28 AM EDT
To: <
Subject: FCC delays meeting for last-minute Lifeline negotiations
Reply-To: POLITICO subscriptio

By Margaret Harding McGill

03/31/2016 10:47 AM EDT

David Grossman

From: Murphy, Philip <
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2016 11:39 AM
To: David Grossman; Rebekah Goodheart
Subject: No Hard Cap

My boss would not support a hard cap on lifeline. That is a huge concession that will bind future commission action and could significantly constrain the program. More than that, the growth of this program is linked to unemployment and the general state of the economy. If shit hits the fan, there can be no question that everyone who qualifies will be able to take advantage of this program. There simply cannot be a situation where people are turned away because the program has run out of funds or people are waiting on the commission to act to change the cap.

More than that, the very idea of capping a social safety net program is against everything democrats have fought for. This sends a terrible message more broadly that democrats are willing to negotiate the long term viability of these programs for a policy victory.

Sent from my iPhone

David Grossman

From: Choate, Nick (McCaskill) <
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2016 12:27 PM
To: David Grossman; Rebekah Goodheart
Subject: Lifeline

Hey, I know things are hectic over there right now but just wanted to check in with you all on Lifeline as I hear there's continued movement. We were obviously thrilled to hear this morning that there might be a deal on the budget issue that would have gotten the Republican commissioners on board with the order and potentially defused some of the partisanship surrounding the issue. Now we're hearing that might not be the case. Senator McCaskill would certainly encourage the commissioner to continue working toward such a compromise.

Thanks.

Nick

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David Grossman

From: Wilson, Scott (Judiciary-Dem)
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2016 1:33 PM
To: David Grossman
Subject: Lifeline

Hey man,

I know it's last-last minute, but just hearing about what might be happening over there. I can only imagine how swamped you are right now (and obviously don't know the full details of what might be under discussion), but wanted to quickly express that a hard cap on Lifeline would probably raise some concerns over here.

Hope the transition's been going well. You've been thrown right into it!

Scott

Scott Wilson
Professional Staff Member
Senate Judiciary Committee
Senator Patrick Leahy