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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: *Universal Service Contribution Methodology, WC Docket No. 06-122;*
*Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

When I met with Commission staff on October 15 and 16 to express USA Mobility's serious concerns regarding the potential imposition of numbers-based universal service fees on paging carriers and their customers, several staff members suggested that it would be helpful to hear directly from affected customers, including from our large health care base. The attached letters reflect the views of many hospitals and other customers who would be adversely impacted by a steep increase in USF charges imposed on paging services. As they point out, such charges would jeopardize their ability to purchase paging services—and in turn impact patient safety and emergency response operations.

For the Commission's convenience, I am submitting these letters as an attachment hereto. I trust that the Commission will give serious consideration to these important concerns.

Sincerely,

Vincent D. Kelly
Chief Executive Officer of USA Mobility, Inc.

Attachment

cc: Chairman Kevin Martin
Commissioner Michael Copps
Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein
Commissioner Robert McDowell
Commissioner Deborah Tate
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