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Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**RE: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service Lifeline and Link Up  
CC Docket No. 96-45; WC Docket 03-109**

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

The Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service Lifeline and Link Up has made recommendations to the FCC that will impact our low-income citizens. The Lifeline program provides free phone service to unemployed, underemployed and other economically challenged persons.

Expanding Lifeline and Linkup enrollment is a major priority, and it is recommended that no cap should be applied to the low-income portion of the Lifeline and Linkup. At a time when our entire nation is burdened with high unemployment and foreclosures, requiring the people most affected with these economic hardships is not logical.

I also agree with the Board's recommendation that the Commission look for ways to adopt uniformity in areas such as verification procedures and sampling criteria that would apply to all Eligible Telecommunications Carriers to minimize waste, fraud and abuse. The best approach to curtailing fraud and abuse is establishment of an eligibility database.

I urge your favorable consideration of the Federal-State Joint Board recommendations and not adopt policies that would cap support for the Lifeline program or any way limit competition in a marketplace that is already underserved.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sue Gunzburger".

Sue Gunzburger, Mayor  
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