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Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> St., SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization, WC Docket No. 11-42; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45; Lifeline and Link Up, WC Docket No. 03-109*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 18, 2011, John Nakahata of Wiltshire & Grannis, Mitchell Brecher of Greenberg Traurig, and I participated on a panel entitled, Universal Service – Future of Low Income Programs, sponsored by the Federal Communications Bar Association. Ms. Kim Scardino of the Commission moderated the panel and a number of Commission staffers were in the audience, including Gayle Radley Teicher, Jamie Susskind, Jonathan Lechter, Beau Finley, Patrick Halley, and Cindy Spiers.

Ms. Scardino asked the panelists questions related to the Commission's pending Lifeline reform proceeding captioned above, including what should be the goals of the Lifeline program, what should be the role of the states in a modernized and reformed Lifeline program, what reforms should the Commission adopt to curb waste, fraud, and abuse in the Lifeline program, should the Commission adopt its proposed "one-per-residence" proposal, and, among others, should the Commission expand the program to include discounts for broadband service. Mr. Nakahata's responses to these questions were consistent with filings he has made in the above-referenced dockets on behalf of his client, General Communication, Inc.; Mr. Brecher's responses were consistent with filings he has made on behalf of his client, TracFone Wireless, Inc.; and my responses were consistent with filings that I have made on behalf of AT&T.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Cathy Carpino

cc: Kim Scardino