

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 31, 2011

The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Chairman Genachowski:

We write in regard to the delay in approving i-wireless' Compliance Plan. As you may know, the i-wireless parent company is The Kroger Co., also headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio, which ranks sixth on the Fortune 500 in terms of total employees.

Both Kroger and i-wireless are important to the economic viability of our community. We are told that there is a delay in the approval of the Compliance Plan which was filed with your agency last July. We understand that the Commission staff had some initial questions about the Compliance Plan and that i-wireless has adopted all suggested changes and agreed to comply with any future FCC requirements.

We are concerned about the time it has taken to review the i-wireless Compliance Plan. Currently, i-wireless is poised and ready to provide additional consumer choice in wireless Lifeline service and the only thing holding them back is FCC approval of the Compliance Plan.

As the Cincinnati area is struggling to emerge from the recession, the federal government should not be an impediment to economic development.

We urge full and prompt consideration of the i-wireless Compliance Plan consistent with all applicable law and regulations.

Sincerely,



Steve Chabot
Member of Congress



Jean Schmidt
Member of Congress

cc: Commissioner Michael Copps
Commissioner Robert McDowell
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Meredith Baker



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

July 14, 2011

JULIUS GENACHOWSKI
CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Jean Schmidt
U.S. House of Representatives
2464 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Schmidt:

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The Commission is committed to the goal of providing the important benefits of Lifeline to low income consumers. At the same time, the Commission is very concerned about the need to address waste, fraud and abuse in the Lifeline program, particularly wasteful spending in the form of households receiving service from more than one Lifeline-supported ETC. Commission staff has met with i-wireless on several occasions to discuss its compliance plan, and has explained that a number of issues raised in the plan are under consideration by the Commission in a pending *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* to reform and modernize the Lifeline/Link Up program. Further action on the i-wireless compliance has been deferred until the Commission resolves these issues. I look forward to adopting new rules and expeditiously resolving cases like i-wireless.

I appreciate your interest in this matter. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

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