

Subject: USF Reform

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Eddie, good morning,

Our Policy Committee has given us some focus as we've struggled with formulating a civil rights community position on USF reform. A key issue is that while there's a long way to go for full 3G deployment and farther to go for 4G, 32% of the population, particularly low income families, haven't adopted service that is available to them. We're trying to figure out how these issues should be prioritized, and how that balance weighs in the consideration of the details of each of the industries' preferred USF reform models.

Our starting point is the NBP, which placed deployment and adoption on an essentially equal footing in addressing digital inequality. MMTC endorsed the NBP without qualification.

I've assembled an MMTC USF Team of in-house experts to figure all of this out. So that we can gain a greater understanding of the Chairman's plans concerning broadband adoption, particularly as it could be incorporated into universal service programs, I will reach out to Zac Katz (and staff in the WCB, designated by Zac, who are responsible for USF). Please let me know if this is the right approach. I'll update you on the discussions.

Warm regards,

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