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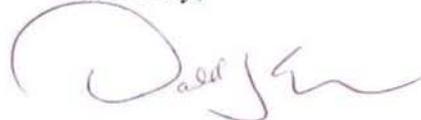
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Re: Notice of Ex Parte Communication
WC Dockets 11-42, 03-209, 12-23, and CC Docket 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This letter reports a communication by myself on behalf of NTCH, Inc. to Kimberly Scardino of the Wireless Competition Division on August 8, 2012. The communication included a copy of the attached photo and explained that the Lifeline process continues to be abused, to the detriment of service providers who are not authorized to provide Lifeline service and who are not abusing the system. I pointed out that in the particular instance cited, the availability of "free" phones and free service makes it impossible for other carriers in the neighborhood to realistically compete.

Sincerely,



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cc: Kimberly Scardino