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Chairman Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., SW, Room TW-A325
Washington, D. C. 20554

In the Matter of: Nomination for the Universal Service
Administrative Company Board of Directors, CC Docket Nos.
97-21 and 96-45

Nomination for Representative for Low-Income Consumers

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

On behalf of the National Consumer Law Center (NCLC), I am writing to nominate Ellis Jacobs to the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) Board of Directors to represent low-income consumers. A copy of his resume is attached to this letter.

NCLC is a non-profit Massachusetts corporation founded in 1969 specializing in low-income utility consumer issues in state utility commission proceedings and at the FCC. NCLC also publishes over a dozen legal manuals, including *Access to Utility Services*. NCLC has a long history of advocating for our low-income clients in utility matters. In that capacity, we have worked with Mr. Jacobs for many years. He is a senior attorney at Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Inc. in Dayton, Ohio, a non-profit public interest law firm that represents low-income groups and individuals.

Since 1995, Mr. Ellis has worked on behalf of low-income telecommunication customers in Ohio. He has been active in Universal Service proceedings in Ohio and before the FCC. NCLC has worked closely with Mr. Ellis on promoting and preserving access to telecommunications service and bridging the broadband divide. Most recently we collaborated closely to elevate voices from front-line low-income advocates in the recent FCC proceeding to reform of the Lifeline program. Mr. Ellis is one of the leading low-income telecommunications advocates in the country and his involvement flows from his daily representation of low-income groups and individuals in Ohio.

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Mr. Ellis has done an outstanding job as the low-income consumer representative on the USAC Board since 2009 and is ideally suited to be the low-income consumer representative on the USCA Board. For that reason, the NCLC enthusiastically nominates him for that position.

Sincerely,

/s/ Willard Ogburn

Willard P. Ogburn
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Enclosure

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