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May 17, 2013

Mr. Geoff Feiss
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Dear Mr. Feiss:

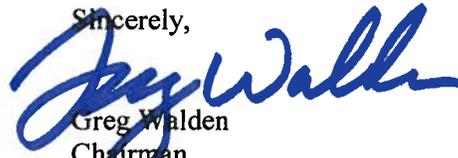
Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology on Thursday, April 25, 2013, to testify at the hearing entitled "The Lifeline Fund: Money Well Spent?"

Pursuant to the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the hearing record remains open for ten business days to permit Members to submit additional questions for the record, which are attached. The format of your responses to these questions should be as follows: (1) the name of the Member whose question you are addressing, (2) the complete text of the question you are addressing in bold, and (3) your answer to that question in plain text.

To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please respond to these questions by the close of business on May 31, 2013. Your responses should be e-mailed to the Legislative Clerk in Word format at Charlotte.Savercool@mail.house.gov and mailed to Charlotte Savercool, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Thank you again for your time and effort preparing and delivering testimony before the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,



Greg Walden
Chairman
Subcommittee on Communications and Technology

cc: Anna Eshoo, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology

Attachment

Additional Questions for the Record

The Honorable Henry Waxman

1. Mr. Feiss your testimony suggested that Lifeline support for consumers choosing prepaid wireless should be set at \$3 per month. Your testimony did not provide any evidence as to why that is the appropriate level of support. Where does your \$3 figure come from?

2. Mr. Feiss, as you know, many members of the Montana Telecommunications Association are rate-of-return carriers that receive very high per line subsidies from the High Cost USF, which includes a guaranteed 11.25% return on investment beyond the “cost” of providing service. Your testimony suggested that low-income consumers should be required to pay \$5 per month for Lifeline service. Do you believe it is fair to ask families living in poverty to pay more for basic phone service while the FCC continues to provide certain companies a guaranteed 11.25% profit?