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Ms. Jessica Gonzalez
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Dear Ms. Gonzalez:

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 Doris Matsui

1. Can you paint a picture of what expanding Lifeline for broadband could mean for helping to bridge the digital divide in this country?

The Honorable Ben Ray Lujan

1. As you know, Lifeline is a vital service for many of my constituents who depend upon it to follow up on job opportunities, communicate with their doctors, or contact emergency services. Congress needs to work together, across party lines, to find ways to further expand upon the FCC's reforms to ensure that this program is targeted towards the low income Americans who need affordable communication capabilities the most. What service capabilities do you believe are needed by Lifeline recipients? How do you believe the program should adapt to meet future communications needs?

2. The Georgia Public Service Commission recently began charging a \$5.00 monthly service fee for all Lifeline subscribers in their state. Some have suggested that a copay should be imposed upon all subscribers across the country. What do you think the impact on Lifeline users would be if they are charged a co-payment?