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Mr. Christopher Guttman-McCabe
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Dear Mr. Guttman-McCabe:

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 Anna Eshoo

1. As you know, a growing number of Americans are getting rid of their old landline telephones and using only a wireless phone. Based on CTIA's research, what portions of the population are most likely to make a transition to wireless-only service?
2. As you know, I strongly support cell phone unlocking so consumers can switch carriers while keeping their existing phone. Given that the Lifeline program only subsidizes service and not the device, I believe such a policy would enable support dollars to go further and expand the universe of phones that can be used with the program. When contractual obligations are met, do you support allowing consumers to unlock devices to use with the service of their choice, including services supported by the Lifeline program?

The Honorable Henry Waxman

1. The FCC now requires wireless carriers to more adequately disclose to consumers the rules they must follow to get Lifeline benefits in all marketing materials. How are your members complying with this requirement? Do you believe that this requirement has been effective in minimizing waste, fraud and abuse?

The Honorable Doris Matsui

1. Does the Lifeline program have any impact on the U.S. budget or our nation's fiscal deficit?