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Commissioner Philip B. Jones
President, Executive Committee
National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners
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Dear Commissioner Jones:

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. Gregg's testimony cited data claiming that eight states have more Lifeline subscribers than low income households - Alaska, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, Ohio, Oklahoma, and Rhode Island. After our hearing, one analysis questioned this conclusion, arguing that Mr. Gregg's conclusions were based on outdated poverty statistics and an undercount of eligible recipients, among other issues. Do you agree? Can NARUC provide the Committee with data from those eight states to help us determine whether the Lifeline programs in those states are in fact oversubscribed?
2. Mr. Feiss stated in his written testimony for the hearing that "no application for Lifeline-only ETC designation has been denied anywhere in the U.S." Mr. Jones, your testimony stated that at least six states have denied an ETC application. How can we reconcile these two statements?
3. There was some discussion at the hearing about an "explosion" of ETC designations for Lifeline. From your perspective in the states, what percentage of the carriers certified to participate in Lifeline are also receiving high cost support? How many are only certified to participate in Lifeline?

The Honorable Ben Ray Lujan

1. As a former New Mexico Public Regulation Commissioner, I have a great deal of respect for your organization's work and am interested in your opinion of the Lifeline program and its recent reform proposals. Do you see any barriers to the effective engagement of State PUCs in overseeing Lifeline carriers? What can Congress or the FCC do to help ease those barriers?
2. At our hearing, Mr. Guttman-McCabe stated that CTIA will be challenging the Georgia Public Service Commission's decision to impose a \$5.00 monthly service rate for all Lifeline subscribers. What do you think of the Georgia PSC's requirement and CTIA's subsequent legal challenge?