

January 13, 2021

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
45 L Street NE
Washington, DC 20554

RE: File No. ITC-T/C-20200930-00173

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Monday, January 11, I spoke with Thomas Sullivan, Bureau Chief of the Federal Communications Commission's International Bureau (IB); Jim Schlichting, Senior Deputy Chief; and Kathleen Collins, Assistant Bureau Chief; as well as from the IB's Telecommunications & Analysis Division, Denise Coca, Division Chief; Kimberly Cook, Deputy Chief; and David Krench, Associate Division Chief regarding the above-captioned proceeding.

In our meeting, I briefly reiterated concerns CWA made in its most recent filing in the Verizon-TracFone proceeding, that Verizon's acquisition of TracFone raises serious anticompetitive harms to the wireless marketplace and potential threats to the Lifeline program,¹ and stated that Verizon's most recent filing did nothing to assuage these concerns.² I explained to the Commission staff that Verizon's most recent filing raised new concerns and that CWA and other organizations intended to file detailed responses, and asked for clarity on the International Bureau's and Commission's transaction review processes and timeline.

In accordance with Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, I am filing this letter with your office. If you have questions, please contact me at 202-434-1131.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Thomas Sullivan
Jim Schlichting
Kathleen Collins
Denise Coca
Kimberly Cook
David Krench

¹ Comments of Communications Workers of America, IB File No. ITC-T/C-20200930-00173 (Dec. 18, 2020).

² Joint Reply to Comments of America Movil, S.A.B. de C.V., TracFone Wireless, Inc., and Verizon Communications Inc., IB File No. ITC-T/C-20200930-00173 (Dec. 28, 2020).