October 27, 2008

Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

CC Docket 96-45 and WC Docket 03-109

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Florida Consumer Action Network wishes to join the chorus of consumer, disability, and community groups to support the idea to establish a Broadband Lifeline/Link-Up program on a trial basis for low-income consumers in Virginia, Florida, Washington, DC and Tennessee, as presented in the TracFone Wireless, Inc., petition to the Federal Communications Commission. FCAN shares the views outlined by the filings of the National Consumers League and Consumer Action.

In 2007, Florida’s poverty rate was 12 percent. As a consumer group in Florida, we understand the challenges faced by millions of Floridians living at or below the poverty level.

We support the Lifeline program and think its expansion to include broadband could help millions of poor Floridians receive a vital link to improved health care services, enhanced employment opportunities and increase their quality of life opportunities.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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