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The Honorable Ajit Pai
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioner Pai:

On May 26, 2016, the Committee launched an investigation into waste, fraud, and abuse in the Universal Service Lifeline program. Notwithstanding our longstanding concerns and continued calls for the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to adopt meaningful reforms to the program and to cap program spending, the FCC's recent enforcement action against Total Call Mobile, Inc. and related disclosures by the FCC validated our concerns that the program is critically flawed and poorly administered.

It is our understanding that you are undertaking an inquiry into the Lifeline program. To that end, your office sent inquiries to the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), which among other duties, administers the Lifeline program under the direction of the FCC. According to information released by your office, data provided by USAC in response to these inquiries demonstrates that Total Call Mobile, Inc. was not an outlier, but that significant and continuing failures in program safeguards have permitted pervasive waste, fraud, and abuse over at least the last several years.

In order to inform the Committee of your findings and in furtherance of our investigation into these matters, we request, pursuant to Rules X and XI of the United States House of Representatives, that you make your staff available to brief Committee staff during the week of July 24, 2016 at a time to be determined. If you have any questions regarding this request, and to discuss scheduling, please contact David Redl of the majority Committee staff at (202) 225-2927. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



Fred Upton
Chairman



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cc: Frank Pallone, Jr., Ranking Member

The Honorable Anna Eshoo, Ranking Member
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