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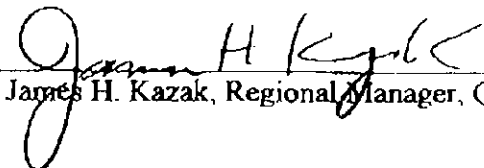
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This letter is in support of AT&T Ohio's request for an alternative form of regulation for the Lifeline Ohio program, which would allow participants to use vertical services without restrictions. I have first hand knowledge of the needs of low-income residents as a regional manager of subsidized housing complexes. While all of our residents qualify for the Lifeline program a relatively small percentage, actually participate in it. The current regulation limits participation in the Lifeline Ohio program because many of our residents want added features but do not have legitimate medical reasons to qualify for the waiver. Residents of St. Clair Place (a senior/disabled section eight property) have asked for added features as follows:

1. Caller I.D.: This service protects seniors from unwanted solicitations/telemarketers. Our residents are vulnerable to predators using the phone to defraud seniors. We have residents who fall victim to this every year. Seniors with caller I.D. do not feel obligated to answer the phone.
2. Three-Way-Calling: This feature allows our residents to save on long distance bills by speaking to family members in conference. It also helps social service providers in dealing with medical institutions.

Our residents would prefer to choose extra services while participating in the Lifeline Ohio program. It is important to note that federal regulations for the Lifeline program do not prohibit participants from using vertical features. Well over ninety percent of residents at St. Clair Place pay their rent on time and the \$12.77 savings would provide money to pay for added features they desire. Please approve AT&T Ohio's request for waiver.

Sincerely,


James H. Kazak, Regional Manager, OMC

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