

Public Comment 17-1948-TP-UNC

After making \$2.1 billion from the December corporate tax cut, AT&T wants to abandon Ohioans by withdrawing from the Lifeline program.

AT&T Ohio's withdrawal would affect over 10,000 customers, including those in low-income households, the elderly, and our veterans. It is despicable that AT&T would throw Ohioans in need under the bus, especially at a time when their profits are skyrocketing.

Approving AT&T's request would signal that companies can rake in billions of dollars from taxpayers while abandoning its own customers. PUCO should block AT&T Ohio's attempt to leave the Lifeline program.

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ETC Designation > AT&T has been given favorable legislation in the past as they have retained the responsibility to provide service to poor and elderly Ohio residents. They now wish to relinquish that responsibility leaving thousands of poor and elderly to choose between reliable telephone service which is must during emergencies or other essentials such as medications or food. Ohio's poor and elderly need the critical services made affordable by AT&T's Lifeline obligations. For these reasons I would ask that AT&T's application to be released from their Lifeline obligation be denied.

Thank you

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