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MMTC CONGRATULATES FCC ON LIFELINE ORDER

WASHINGTON, DC, 2/1/2012 – The Minority Media and Telecommunications Council (MMTC) released this statement on the occasion of the FCC’s release of its Lifeline Order:

“Broadband access, adoption and informed use is the most compelling civil rights issue of the 21st century. Broadband is necessary if one is to take advantage of today’s educational and employment opportunities, receive health care services, and fully engage in civic and community life. Yet millions of low-income Americans are still without access even to basic wireline or wireless telephone service.

Since two-thirds of those eligible for the FCC’s Lifeline program are not enrolled, the FCC deserves great credit for declining to impose a cap on the program. Instead, the FCC is undertaking to improve Lifeline’s efficiency without diminishing its accessibility.

The FCC has also taken laudable steps to accelerate Lifeline’s transition to support broadband service. A broadband connection is the most efficient, cost-effective anti-poverty program ever invented.

This is a great day for civil rights at the FCC.”