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Subject: FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler Seeks Comment on Modernizing Lifeline to Make Broadband Affordable for Low-Income Households

On May 28, 2015, FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler released a statement and blog announcing that he has shared with his fellow Commissioners a set of comprehensive proposals to restructure and modernize the FCC's Lifeline program to include broadband and make it more available to low-income consumers. The Lifeline program was established in 1985 to help low-income Americans afford access to telephone services. The proposals for Lifeline reform specifically recognize the benefits of broadband for Americans, including Americans with disabilities.

The following are links to the Chairman's statement and blog:

Statement: <https://www.fcc.gov/document/chairman-seeks-comment-modernizing-reforming-lifeline-broadband>

Blog: <https://www.fcc.gov/blog/lifeline-low-income-americans>