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### **NARUC Joins State Commissions Recognizing Lifeline Awareness Week: September 11-17**

WASHINGTON—The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and its colleagues at the Federal Communications Commission and the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates have, since 2009, recognized the first week after Labor Day as *Lifeline Awareness Week*. To mark this year's recognition week, NARUC has issued the following statement:

*Lifeline affects millions of lives. It is an important program that helps qualifying low-income consumers, serving as a necessary link to crucial emergency health care, government services and employment. NARUC and its members are actively promoting Lifeline Awareness Week and encourage both participants and service providers to learn more about program proscriptions and service quality requirements. It is important to alert qualified consumers of program benefits while ensuring the integrity of the program. Along with the FCC and NASUCA, NARUC member commissions across the country are supporting more efficient program operation while undertaking information campaigns. We applaud all of these collective efforts.*

—Hon. John W. Betkoski III  
NARUC President and Commissioner, Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority

—Hon. Paul Kjellander  
Chair, NARUC Committee on Telecommunications and Commissioner, Idaho Public Utilities Commission

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