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January 31, 2018

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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RE: Promoting Telehealth in Rural America – WC Docket No. 17-310

Madam Secretary,

Baptist Hospitals of Southeast Texas has been serving the community for over 60 years. Our healthcare system is dedicated to providing quality health services in a Christian environment in order to improve health care for members of the Southeast Texas community.

Baptist Beaumont Hospital, offers a breadth of care - from emergency services, cardiovascular services and cancer care to behavioral health, women's and children's services. These are complemented by an array of outpatient services, rehabilitative and physical therapy, wound care and imaging services to support your care needs. Baptist Beaumont Hospital has been recognized as a Nurse Friendly Hospital, is certified as an advanced Primary Stroke Care Center by the CIHQ, and is the first Chest Pain Certified facility in Southeast Texas.

As a participating provider in the USAC Rural Health Care (RHC) program, please accept this letter as our statement of support for the commentary submitted by Community Hospital Corporation (CHC).

Respectfully submitted,



William Toon, CIO

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Madam Secretary,
Bingham Memorial Hospital is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization located in Blackfoot, Idaho, with additional healthcare facilities in Idaho Falls, Pocatello, and Shelley. Established in 1950, we opened our doors with just six doctors and today we have over 140 medical providers and employ over 700 people.

As a leader in physician and hospital synergy, we offers over 100 types of patient services, including in-patient, out-patient, critical care, emergency, rehabilitation, same day surgery, and transitional care services. It is our mission to provide everyone with exquisite patient care in a caring and compassionate manner.

Bingham Memorial has become one of the leading and award-winning healthcare providers in eastern Idaho. Every day we find new ways to serve our residents, and our efforts are always informed by the belief that the entire community benefits when the people within it are physically, mentally and spiritually healthy.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Madam Secretary,
Freestone Medical Center serves Freestone County and surrounding communities offering a wide array of medical services including a 24-hour emergency department, lab, imaging, inpatient care and cardiopulmonary rehabilitation.

Open since 1947, today's 37-bed acute care facility honors the past and embraces the future. The Fairfield Hospital District Board announced the successful transition of the hospital to the District as Freestone Medical Center on January 1, 2017.

Among its many honors, Freestone Medical Center's cardiac rehabilitation program is certified by the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation.

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Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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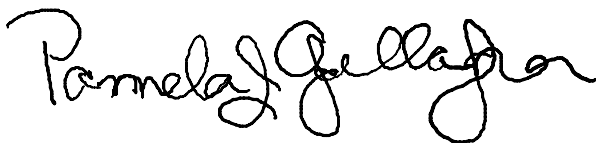
Since 1974, Jellico Community Hospital has worked to meet the healthcare needs of the Jellico, Tennessee, community and region. We operate our 54-bed acute care facility as a nonprofit hospital and are proud to deliver a level of care patients have come expect from larger medical centers but with a small-town feel.

Our patients benefit from the latest medical technology along with truly compassionate care from dedicated and highly skilled physicians, nurses and professional staff. In 2015, we were one of 251 hospitals out of 3,500 across the country to receive a “5-star” rating for patient satisfaction, according to a Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Provider and Systems (HCAHPS) survey conducted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

As a full-service hospital, we offer a comprehensive set of services, including diagnostic imaging, radiology, surgery (general, gynecological and vascular), nuclear medicine, wound care and hyperbaric medicine, maternity care, intensive care, emergency care, and physical therapy. Jellico Community Hospital is accredited by The Joint Commission and is committed to high standards of excellence.

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Respectfully submitted,

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McLeod Health

The Choice for Medical Excellence

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Madam Secretary,
Serving over one million people in rural South Carolina and North Carolina, through our regional medical center and seven-hospital, Integrated Delivery Network, McLeod Health is our region's choice for medical excellence.

McLeod Health was founded over a century ago and remains a locally owned, not-for-profit healthcare system which features the strength of more than 750 physicians, 2,000 registered nurses, and more than 8,500 employees. McLeod constantly seeks to improve patient care with efforts that are physician led, data-driven, and evidence-based.

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Respectfully submitted,



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GENERAL HOSPITAL

The Regional Medical Facility For
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Madam Secretary,
Morehouse General Hospital has a long history of serving Northeast Louisiana and Southeast Arkansas residents, opening in 1930 as a 19-bed acute care facility. Today the hospital boasts 49 beds, but one thing hasn't changed - our commitment to quality care and caring.

We offer many of the services of a larger hospital in a metropolitan area, including a wide range of inpatient and outpatient capabilities. We're proud of our advanced technology and equipment, highly skilled staff, and the personalized care we provide right here at home. Morehouse General Hospital is recognized by the American Hospital Association as a high performing hospital.

The health care team at Morehouse General Hospital is dedicated to providing excellence in community care, guided by values including compassion and respect, loyalty, integrity, innovation and accountability. These principles guide our actions, attitude and character, and support our mission "to provide the highest quality and most cost effective care which sustains and improves the health of all those we serve."

As a participating provider in the USAC Rural Health Care (RHC) program, please accept this letter as our statement of support for the commentary submitted by Community Hospital Corporation (CHC).

Respectfully submitted,

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Madam Secretary,

Nacogdoches Memorial Health has served the Nacogdoches community since 1928, and since, have grown to add much more space, more services and advanced technology. Today, we are a general medical and surgical hospital with 231 beds and accredited by The Joint Commission. We are also designated by the Texas Department of Health as a Certified Stroke Center and the only Level III Trauma Center in our region.

In addition, we are the only East Texas hospital with a Chest Pain Center accredited by the Society of Chest Pain Centers, and we were selected by the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors to receive the ACHIEVE Grant (Action Communities for Health, Innovation, and EnVironmental ChangeE).

We are dedicated to promoting lifelong health through community wellness programs that place an emphasis on preventative care, which is reflected in the following accolades:

- 5-Star Rated Maternity Care (Rated in the top 15% nationwide) by HealthGrades in 2008/2009
- Five Star Hospital Award from the Bureau of Vital Statistics
- Selected by The Nacogdoches Daily Sentinel readers as the Best Hospital, Best Emergency Room and Best Place to Have a Baby
- Founder of the Healthy Nacogdoches Coalition
- Gold Recognition for Nacogdoches as a Heart/Stroke Healthy Community
- First and Only Recipient of Nacogdoches United Way Spirit Award
- Helped secure non-smoking ordinance for Nacogdoches
- Texas Council on Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke 2009 Cardiovascular Health Promotion Awards – Outstanding Recognition
- American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines Stroke Program Participant

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Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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Madam Secretary,

There are 40 hospitals in Idaho, including 27 identified as Critical Access Hospitals, 45 Rural Health Clinics, and 11 Federally Qualified Health Centers provide services at 76 sites in the state.

Nell J. Redfield Memorial Hospital is a critical access hospital in Malad City, ID, owned by the people of Oneida County. The Hospital has 11 acute care beds and 33 long-term care beds and has been serving the needs of residents of Oneida County for over 75 years. We also operate Oneida County Clinic, which has been designated as a Rural Health Clinic.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Cindy Howard
Financial Services Director



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Madam Secretary,

At St. Mark's Medical Center, our mission is to provide excellent care with a spirit of family and hometown trust. St. Mark's is designed to change the way you think about hospitals.

Our comprehensive health services, advanced technologies and medical specialists rival those of major metropolitan institutions. Our clinical affiliation with St. David's HealthCare of Austin continues to build clinical best practices as we grow to serve you better, right here in our community.

A proud recipient of the TMF Health Quality Institute Silver Award, St. Mark's works to continuously improve our services and quality of care. We make compassionate care the center of everything we do.

As a participating provider in the USAC Rural Health Care (RHC) program, please accept this letter as our statement of support for the commentary submitted by Community Hospital Corporation (CHC).

Respectfully submitted,

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STEELE MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER

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Steele Memorial Medical Center (SMMC) is a Medicare Certified, not-for-profit, Level IV Trauma Center, 18-bed Critical Access Hospital and associated Rural Health Clinic, providing comprehensive health care for the residents and visitors of the Salmon and Lemhi River valleys and surrounding areas. In addition to 24/7 emergency services, Steele Memorial Medical Center offers a comprehensive range of healthcare services including primary care, general surgery, orthopedics, telehealth, and a range of others. Steele Memorial Medical Center has been recognized as a Top 20 Critical Access Hospital three years in a row.

As a participating provider in the USAC Rural Health Care (RHC) program, please accept this letter as our statement of support for the commentary submitted by Community Hospital Corporation (CHC).

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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WAHIAWA GENERAL HOSPITAL

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Madam Secretary,

Wahiawa General Hospital, Wahiawa, Hawaii was founded in 1944 in response to the healthcare needs of the community following the attack on Pearl Harbor. Serving the residents of Central Oahu and the North Shore, Wahiawa General Hospital has 53 acute beds and a 107-bed long-term care facility.

Wahiawa General Hospital serves as the community's most comprehensive healthcare facility.

Our commitment is to deliver the best possible care to every patient entering our hospital. We offer progressive skilled services, individualized care and advanced technology to benefit patients and families.

We are accredited by The Joint Commission for meeting the Commission's nationwide health care performance quality standards. Wahiawa General Hospital is also a recipient of the Get With The Guidelines®- Stroke Gold Award from the American Heart Association and American Stroke Organization. This honor recognizes our program to improve stroke care by promoting consistent adherence to the latest scientific treatment guidelines.

As a participating provider in the USAC Rural Health Care (RHC) program, please accept this letter as our statement of support for the commentary submitted by Community Hospital Corporation (CHC).

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Cunningham, CEO
Wahiawa General Hospital



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HEALTH SYSTEM, INC.

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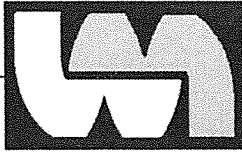
Wayne Memorial Hospital is a non-profit, community-controlled hospital based in Honesdale, Pennsylvania. We strive to offer the highest quality in inpatient and outpatient care in more than 30 medical specialties.

Wayne Memorial Hospital is the heart of Wayne Memorial Health System, which serves 100,000 people across Wayne and Pike Counties. The hospital, Certified Primary Stroke Center, has 98 acute-care beds and an additional 14 beds dedicated to inpatient rehabilitation. Wayne Memorial Health System also includes a 121-bed skilled nursing facility that offers both long-term nursing home care and short-term inpatient rehabilitation services, Wayne Memorial Long-Term Care. Our clinical affiliate, Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers, operates primary care, dental services, women's health and behavioral health centers in northeastern Pennsylvania. WMCHC has over 65 practitioners and 300 employees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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WILLS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

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Wills Memorial Hospital is a 25-bed acute care, critical access hospital located in Washington, Georgia, and governed by the Hospital Authority of Wilkes County. The original facility opened in 1924, and in 1961, the hospital was dedicated and named in memory of Dr. Charles E. Wills, Sr., a prominent physician who practiced in the area. We are proud to be accredited by The Joint Commission, a status recognized nationwide as a symbol of quality that reflects our hospital's commitment to meeting the Commission's performance standards.

The hospital has grown and expanded over the years to support the evolving healthcare needs of the community. Advancements in 2012 included a new inpatient wing, respiratory therapy department, emergency room reception, main entrance, specialty clinic, pharmacy, and physical/occupational therapy facilities.

Our 170 employees are focused on providing complete and compassionate medical care for Wilkes, Lincoln and Taliaferro county residents. Services include 24-hour emergency care, as well as swingbed services, day surgery, inpatient and outpatient physical, occupational and speech therapy, cardiac and vascular testing, geriatric behavioral health counseling. Currently we utilize telemedicine in radiology, emergency room (for stroke patients and behavioral health patients), and in our rural health clinics (integrated with our local school system). We also have clinics dedicated to general surgery, cardiology, urology, orthopedics, nephrology, and podiatry. We offer nutritional education programs that teach patients about healthy eating and living and how it positively affects overall health and wellness.

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Tracie P. Haughey
Chief Executive Officer



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Madam Secretary,

Yoakum Community Hospital delivers comprehensive services with compassion and commitment. Our hospital leadership and physicians work together to guide the direction of the facility where patients are the top priority. Our busy community hospital has served neighbors in Yoakum and the surrounding area for 90 years.

The Yoakum Community Hospital team is proud of our accomplishments, which include designation as the only Level IV trauma center in the area. We believe this recognition indicates the quality of care and our ongoing commitment to patients in Yoakum and the surrounding communities.

Yoakum Community Hospital provides a broad range of inpatient and outpatient services to meet the evolving health care needs of our community, which include laboratory, rehabilitation, imaging, emergency, general medicine, diabetes education, treatment for sleep disorders, surgery and the many medical specialists who schedule patient appointments at the YCH Outpatient Clinic.

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Respectfully submitted,

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