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Marlene Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of: Nomination for Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors, CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45.

Dear Secretary Dortch:

This is a letter of support for the nomination of Eric Brown, President of the California Telehealth Network (CTN) to the Board of Directors of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) Board of Directors to represent rural health care providers.

In my capacity as Chief Information Officer for the University of California, I have served on the CTN Board of Directors for over five years. Based on my experiences as a CTN Board Director and stakeholder, Mr. Brown has consistently demonstrated his commitment to using broadband and telehealth technology to serve rural and underserved patient populations. Under his leadership, CTN has improved the utilization of broadband in safety net clinics and hospitals in California. His leadership and management skills along with his working knowledge of broadband and health information technology will be a valuable asset to the USAC Board.

I urge you to approve his nomination to the USAC Board.

Sincerely,

Tom Andriola
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