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Marlene Dortch  
Office of the Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> 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 provides 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. As a CTN Board Director over the past five years, I can assure you Mr. Brown has demonstrated that he has valuable skills with regards to broadband adoption at safety net clinics and hospitals in rural and medically underserved communities. Under his leadership, CTN has become one of the largest and most respected statewide telehealth networks in the United States. Mr. Brown has also worked across state lines to assist safety net and anchor institutions nationally with understanding and leveraging Universal Service Fund resources. I urge you to approve his nomination to the USAC Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "STEVEN". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping loop at the end of the word.

Steven Henry, CFA  
Director