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Ex Parte

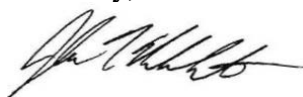
Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW
Washington, DC 20445

Re: *Rural Health Care Support Mechanism, WC Docket No. 02-60; Promoting Telehealth and Telemedicine in Rural America, WC Docket No. 17-310*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 22, 2019, Tina Pidgeon and Chris Nierman of GCI Communication Corp. (“GCI”), Angela Giancarlo of Mayer Brown, and I, counsel on behalf of GCI, separately met with Bill Davenport, Chief of Staff to Commissioner Starks, and with Commissioner Brendan Carr and Evan Swarztrauber, Policy Advisor to Commissioner Carr. In these meetings, we discussed the points summarized in the ex parte letter I filed on March 20, 2019.¹ We stated that clarification of the going-forward rules for the Rural Healthcare Telecom Program is critical because, at present, neither GCI nor the rural healthcare providers that it serves can adequately plan for the future. For GCI, this means that it cannot plan for future network investments, such as for new middle mile capacity.

Sincerely,



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cc: Commissioner Brendan Carr
Bill Davenport
Evan Swarztrauber

¹ Letter from John T. Nakahata, Counsel to GCI Communication Corp. to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket Nos. 02-60, 17-310 (filed March 20, 2019).