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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-B204  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Ex Parte Notices in WC Docket Nos. 02-60, 17-310**

Madam Secretary:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules<sup>1</sup> we hereby provide notice of the following oral *ex parte* presentation in connection with the above-captioned proceedings. On Friday, May 3, 2019, Jim Rogers, President of HealthConnect Networks, and undersigned counsel, both on behalf of the New England Telehealth Consortium (NETC) and Connections Telehealth Consortium (CTC), met respectively with Preston Wise, Special Counsel to Chairman Pai, and Randy Clark, Acting Legal Advisor for Wireline and Public Safety to Commissioner Starks.

We discussed the April 9, 2019, letter from NETC and CTC to Chairman Pai and Radha Sekar, CEO of USAC, concerning continuing problems with administration and oversight of the Rural Health Care programs with a focus on compounding effects on consortia in the Healthcare Connect Fund (HCF) caused by continuing failure to release of 2018 funding commitments.<sup>2</sup> We urged the Commission to conclude programmatic reforms in both the Telecommunications Program and HCF that will be sufficient to avoid a repeat of this experience in funding year 2019.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206.

<sup>2</sup> See <https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/10409126859168/20190408%20NETC-CTC%20FCC-USAC%20letter.pdf>.