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SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY VIA ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Promoting Telehealth in Rural America*, WC Docket No. 17-310

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 16, 2019, I, counsel for TeleQuality Communications, LLC, spoke with Arielle Roth, legal advisor for Commissioner O’Rielly. The call addressed the draft order in the Rural Health Care proceeding currently on the Commission’s August 1, 2019 open meeting agenda.¹

Given the significant changes proposed to the program, TeleQuality’s rural health care provider customers have concerns regarding the impact of the Draft Order on their ability to provide telemedicine and other health care services to their patients. Specifically, there appear to be many unanswered questions regarding how the urban and rural rate calculations would be developed and how that would affect what the rural health providers pay for broadband services. These rural health care providers hope the Commission can delay its consideration of the Draft Order until they have had additional time to analyze the order and suggest improvements and clarifications for the item.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gina Spade".

Gina Spade
Counsel to TeleQuality Communications, LLC

cc: Arielle Roth

¹ *Promoting Telehealth in Rural America*, Draft Report & Order, WC Docket No. 17-310 (Draft rel. July 11, 2019) (Draft Order). This letter is being submitted pursuant to section 1.1206 of the Commission’s rules. 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206.