

July 25, 2019

Chairman Ajit Pai  
Commissioner Mike O’Rielly  
Commissioner Brendan Carr  
Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel  
Commissioner Geoffrey Starks  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* in WC Docket No. 17-310**

Dear Chairman and Commissioners,

We appreciate your willingness to modernize the policies and operations of the Rural Health Care Program. We believe that the proposed Report and Order released on July 11, 2019 raises several new questions and may not fully address existing concerns.

We request that the introduction of the recent Proposed Order reforming the RHC program at the Commission meeting on August 1, 2019 be delayed until stakeholders have a chance to understand and comment on the proposed order. Additional time will allow interested parties to offer ideas for improvement, allow time to eliminate unintended consequences and implement meaningful change.

Please remember that **Universal Service** is a term used to reference a baseline level of services to every resident of a country. The service is intended to be available, of quality and affordable. Universal Service is intended to increase access to advanced telecommunications services to all consumers.

Please reference the SHLB Coalition’s Ex Parte filed on July 22, 2019 and the follow-up communique that requests similar action and provides more specific information on some of our concerns.

Respectfully,



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