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Federal Communications Commission

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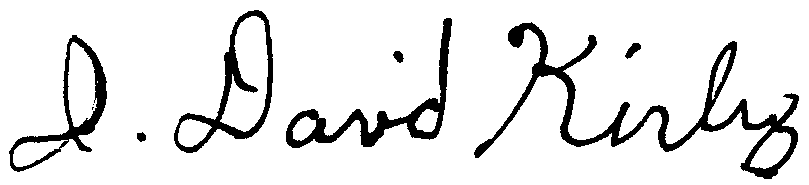
**Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* in WC Docket No. 17-310**

Dear Secretary Dortch:

On July 23, on behalf of the North Carolina Telehealth Network Association, I had a phone call with Preston Wise (legal advisor to Chairman Pai). The purpose of the call was to request that the RHC Reform order then due to be voted on at the August 1,2019 FCC Commissioner’s meeting be delayed and that the draft order be turned into a Notice of Further Proposed Rulemaking and that new comments be formally sought. This was to give time to carry out a process that NCTNA hopes will improve the Order.

NCTNA believes that there are several aspects of the draft Order that will harm the ability of healthcare providers to use the program efficiently and effectively and that, left unchanged, will result in the RHC program not fully meeting its goals. I mentioned that NCTNA’s concerns were essentially the same as those of SHLB that have been communicated by letter and call/meeting with FCC staff John Windhausen, SHLB’s Executive Director.

Sincerely,



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