

September 27, 2017

Ex Parte

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

Re: *Rural Health Care Support Mechanism*, WC Docket No. 02-60

Dear Ms. Dortch.

On September 26, 2017, Joshua Maki and Richard Luebke of DRS Global Enterprise Solutions, Inc. ("DRS") and I met with Jay Schwarz, Wireline Advisor to Chairman Pai. We discussed the prorated (reduced) funding for the Rural Health Care ("RHC") Program for FY 2016, and the hardship it created for telecommunications providers that serve rural health care providers ("HCPs") as well as the HCPs themselves. We also discussed equitable resolutions to achieve full funding for FY2016, as well as solutions to RHC funding issues going forward, so that residents of rural areas will have access to the health care they need now and in the future.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



Ronald E. Quirk, Jr.
Counsel to DRS Global Enterprise Solutions, Inc.

cc: Jay Schwarz