September 28, 2017

Federal Communications Commission

445 12th St SW

Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of Nomination for Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors,

CC Docket 96-45 and 97-21

Re: Katharine Wibberly PhD

It is a privilege to re-nominate for another term Dr. Katharine Hsu Wibberly, Executive Director of the Mid Atlantic Telehealth Resource Center (MATRC) to the Board of Directors of the Universal Service Administrative Company for another three year term.

Dr. Wibberly serves as the ED of our HRSA funded telehealth resource center (MATRC) and as the Director of Research for the UVA Center for Telehealth. Prior to assuming that role at UVA, she directed the Virginia State Office of Rural Health. In addition, Dr. Wibberly serves as Vice Chair of the Virginia Telehealth Network.

Dr. Wibberly is a perfect candidate to represent rural healthcare on the USAC board. She lives, breathes and exemplifies the role of a champion for rural healthcare. She understands the health disparities faced by our rural constituencies, and knows well the challenges faced in those communities.

Her continued service on the USAC board will allow for continuity provided by a true expert in the fields of both public health and telemedicine. I would be pleased to answer any questions and am delighted that she wishes to continue to serve in this capacity. There is NO ONE better, anywhere to do so.

Best wishes,



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Professor of Pediatrics

Senior Associate Dean for CME and External Affairs

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Past President American Telemedicine Association