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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, D.C. 20554

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**Re: Ex Parte Presentation Notification**  
*Promoting Telehealth for Low-Income Consumers*, WC Docket No. 18-213

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On November 1, 2018, the Commission's Office of Native Affairs and Policy and Telecommunications Access Policy Division conducted a national conference call open to members and representatives of Tribal governments and organizations, as well as other interested parties. The purpose of the call was to provide an overview of, and invite questions and comments on, the Commission's August 2, 2018 Notice of Inquiry in the above-captioned proceeding. During the call, two participants commented on the significant need for more and better healthcare options for people living on Tribal lands, and thus the importance of ensuring any future Connected Care Pilot Program includes at least one project serving people on Tribal lands. The commenters were:

- Belinda Nelson, Gila River Telecommunications, Inc.<sup>1</sup>
- Irene Flannery of AMERIND Critical Infrastructure

In addition, Elizabeth Ellis of the Red Cliff Community Health Center stressed the importance of making a future pilot program broad enough to allow a community to design projects that meet their unique needs. To this end, Ms. Ellis suggested the Commission should avoid focusing the pilot program narrowly on a specific issue, such as the opioid crisis.<sup>2</sup>

Commission staff participating in the call were:

- Jodie Griffin, Deputy Chief, Telecommunications Access Policy Division

<sup>1</sup> Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. submitted similar and additional written comments during the comment period. Comments of Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. at 12-13, WC Docket No. 18-213 (filed Sept. 10, 2018)

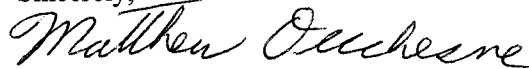
<sup>2</sup> A fourth participant, Roy Kitchen of the Arkansas e-Link Telehealth Network, iterated a comment previously submitted in the written record of this proceeding, noting the need to allow program participants to use some funding to cover administrative costs. Comments of University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and Arkansas e-Link, at 4, WC Docket No. 18-213, (filed Sept. 10, 2018).

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- Rashann Duvall, Attorney Advisor, Telecommunications Access Policy Division
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If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of the Office of Native Affairs and Policy. Pursuant to section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, this letter will be filed electronically in the above-referenced dockets.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Office of Native Affairs and Policy  
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