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Federal Communications Commission
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Subject: Re: The free technology, I Can Connect program

Dear Cathy Kirscher,

We are very grateful to you for your advocacy efforts to get the FCC to consider appropriating funding to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands through the I Can Connect Program that aims to improve distance communication for individuals with sensory impairments.

The CNMI Office of Vocational Rehabilitation is very interested in learning how we can tap into this funding to maximize benefits to our folks with disabilities.

As you may be aware, the Pacific Islands has a high rate of diabetes that can impact one's vision and other sensory organs. We need all the help we can get to combat this disease as well as help to improve communication and other activities of daily living to increase meaningful independence.

We hope you will continue to lend your support and expertise to us here in the CNMI. All the best.

Sincerely yours,

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