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Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th street, S.W.
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RE: WC Docket No. 02-60 (Rural Health Care Mechanism Pilot Program)

Dear Office of the Secretary:

As a Western Nebraska Representative of the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (NDED) I am very excited to send this letter of support for the Rural Nebraska Healthcare Network (RNHN). I understand this Pilot Program has been established to enable fiber connectivity for rural medical providers. The RNHN would be a perfect fit for the Pilot Program.

Being employed by the NDED it is the priority to search for new opportunities to promote this great State of Nebraska. By supporting the RNHN in this application I believe great things can be created with this funding from the Pilot Program.

With anything that succeeds and sustains it takes great efforts to make processes and plans work. The RNHN has spent over a decade building a strong Medical Community within the "frontier" of Nebraska. This program will not only escalate the health care communities but Economic Development in the communities as well.

Whenever a new program is formulated the success of the program depends largely on the people that create, design and manage the program. The RNHN would be the "people" that you would want to work with this Pilot Program. They have the dynamics in place to measure outcomes, create new pieces to already existing health care programs and be able to manage the new technology that this funding can create.

Please consider the Nebraska Rural Healthcare Network as a very strong candidate for your funding. They know what it takes to begin a new program and be nationally recognized for their outstanding achievements after they implement it.

Sincerely,

Scott Stockwell
Nebraska Department of Economic Development

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