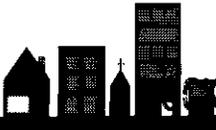




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RE: WC Docket No. 02-60 (Rural Health Care Mechanism Pilot Program)

Dear Office of the Secretary:

My name is Megan McGown Executive Director for Cheyenne County Chamber of Commerce, Sidney, Nebraska. I am sending this **written** request in support of the Rural Nebraska Healthcare Network (RNHN) and the opportunity to show support for the FCC's Pilot Program and the RNHN **as** an applicant.

This fiber connectivity would allow the hospitals within the RNHN and the states surrounding to benefit greatly by this connectivity. This is what will give the hospitals a chance to survive and **also** to grow with the needs of the residents of the Panhandle. Technology can provide solace from the burden of miles that separate patients and health providers.

Medical services in **rural** areas thrive because of the **new** technology advancements, technology is very cost prohibitive, with the opporhunity to be funded through this Pilot Program the reality of technology **needs** could be provided through this funding program.

This is what will give the hospitals a chance to survive and also to grow with the needs of the residents of the Panhandle. Not only does this new technology advance **health** care it **also** advances Economic Development. Existing is not what we want **as** residents **of** the Panhandle we strive for new endeavors to promote growth and vitality.

I know the RNHN would be the perfect fit for this financial support through the Federal Communications Commission. They would be a great example for the Pilot Program and set a standard for other **rural** health care providers to gain knowledge and encourage collaborative **efforts** for the betterment of their hospitals and outreach medical services.

Sincerely,

Megan McGown
Executive Director
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