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Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary,  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, D. C., 20054

RE: WC Docket No. 02-60

Dear Secretary Dortch:

The Office of Telemedicine of the University of Virginia Medical Center respectfully submits this exparte notice in reference to a recent communication with Thomas Buckley of the Wireline Competition Bureau. In that communication, we notified the Commission of the September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007 award of a HRSA Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Health IT Grant to the Virginia Department of Health for the Virginia Acute Stroke Telehealth Network (VAST), HRSA award number H54RH08675-01-00. This award will enable our statewide consortium to develop the clinical and educational models referenced in our FCC Pilot proposal by the same name. Critical to the success of such an initiative statewide, however, will be an expansion of the Commonwealth's communications infrastructure, as we proposed in our application to the FCC. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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