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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
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2550 M Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20037

Re: *In the Matter of Rural HealthCare Support Mechanism*, WC Docket No. 02-60:  
Notice of Ex Parte

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 30, 2013, FCC Commissioner Ajit Pai and his Legal Advisor Nick Degani met with Roald Helgesen, CEO of the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (“ANTHC”), and Stewart Ferguson, CIO of ANTHC, to discuss the significant improvement that ANTHC and its partners have made in developing and providing state-of-the-art telehealth services to residents throughout Alaska. Mr. Helgesen and Mr. Ferguson stressed the importance of broadband availability, specifically terrestrial broadband availability, in expanding and improving these essential services. Two additional ANTHC staff members also attended the meeting, as did Peter Lewis of Senator Lisa Murkowski’s staff, Andrea Sanders of Senator Mark Begich’s staff, and Jason Suslavich of Representative Don Young’s staff, along with Steve Constantine and Chris Nierman of General Communication, Inc. (“GCI”).

Mr. Ferguson discussed the topics included in the attached presentation.

Respectfully submitted,

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