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**FCC CONNECT2HEALTH TASK FORCE ANNOUNCES ITS**

**NEXT BEYOND THE BELTWAY EVENTS IN OHIO AND MICHIGAN**

**Washington, D.C**. – Today, the FCC’s Connect2Health Task Force announced that the next stops in its “Beyond the Beltway Series” of events and activities will be Cleveland, Ohio, on October 26, 2015; and Detroit, Michigan, on October 27-28, 2015. The various broadband health events and activities will be hosted and/or co-sponsored by the Global Center for Health Innovation, Cleveland Clinic, Wayne State University, the Henry Ford Innovation Institute, and TechTown Detroit.

The Connect2HealthFCC “Beyond the Beltway Series” relates to the Task Force’s ongoing efforts to promote the transformative power of broadband technologies and next-generation communications services to improve access to health care services regardless of geography, time, distance, or socio-economic factors. The focus in these Midwest cities will be on leveraging broadband technology to help reduce health disparities and on identifying opportunities to further encourage innovation and entrepreneurship in the broadband health technology space.

October 26, 2015 – Cleveland, Ohio

* Commissioner Mignon Clyburn to keynote at Cleveland Clinic’s 2015 Medical Innovation Summit
* Connect2HealthFCC Task Force to hold data-gathering roundtable on how broadband technology is shaping the future of health *and* care in urban, underserved environments and on what gaps and challenges remain.

October 27, 2015 – Detroit, Michigan

* Chairman Tom Wheeler and Commissioner Clyburn to host a Broadband Inclusion Roundtable, at the Henry Ford Innovation Institute, featuring local government, innovators, industry, educators, advocacy groups, community and other thought leaders to discuss the pressing societal concern over digital inclusion issues. The FCC seeks to ensure that all consumers can benefit fully from information and communications technologies in health.

October 28, 2015 – Detroit, Michigan

* Connect2HealthFCC Task Force, in collaboration with Wayne State University and TechTown Detroit, will hold a public event that focuses on how broadband can be used to expand access, help reduce urban health disparities in Michigan, and foster innovation and entrepreneurship in the broadband and health technology space.

Further details about the Connect2HealthFCC Task Force’s Beyond the Beltway visits to Cleveland and Detroit will be released as they become available. Press inquiries should be directed to Katie Gorscak, Communications Director, Connect2HealthFCC Task Force, at (202) 418-2156, or via e-mail at Katie.Gorscak@fcc.gov. For additional information about the Connect2HealthFCC Task Force, please visit the FCC’s broadband health hub at <http://www.fcc.gov/health>.

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