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Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I would like to express my support for the Michigan Public Health Institute's (MPHI) petition to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to waive an administrative requirement so that MPHI can provide high-speed fiber optics telecommunications service to eighty-seven health care sites in the state of Michigan.

As you may know, MPHI is a participant in the FCC's Rural Health Care Pilot program. MPHI had acquired funding to create a secure, high speed, fiber optic telecommunications network linking health care facilities in Michigan's rural upper and lower peninsulas. These facilities will use the network to transmit medical records and images, order and receive lab results, conduct teleconferences, and engage in other necessary activities.

However, because of the FCC's five-year deadline for all invoicing activities, MPHI fears that they will lose half of their sites, making the project unviable. MPHI has petitioned the FCC for an additional fifteen month period to complete its invoicing activities. The requested allotment of time will allow MPHI to complete its coordinated efforts in providing a cost effective, reliable program for the health care community.

Thank you for your consideration of my request. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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