FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION



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The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison United States Senate 284 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Hutchison:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Commission's efforts to reform the federal universal service rural health care support mechanism. I appreciate your specific recommendation to adopt a health care infrastructure program that will allow a one-time investment in projects such as Brazos 2020 Vision.

The Commission is committed to the goal of providing the important benefits of the rural health care program to eligible health care providers. The Commission is considering a proposed infrastructure along with a variety of other reforms proposed in the Commission's July 2010 Rural Health Care *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*. The Commission staff is reviewing the comments related to the proposed reforms to the rural health care program; a copy of your letter has been entered into the record of that proceeding. The Commission will give careful consideration to all of the comments as it moves forward.

I appreciate your interest in this matter. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Julius Genachowski

Sincerely.