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The Honorable Julius Genachowski  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I am writing to bring to your attention a proposal by ProForma Health Care Solutions for a private-public partnership for rural healthcare telecommunications. ProForma Health Care Solutions is an Atlanta-based business and technology consultancy specialized in developing business solutions for healthcare telecommunications.

There is a need to improve physician productivity and make advances in telemedicine. In September 2006, the Federal Communications Commission established a three-year pilot program to examine ways to use the universal service health care funding mechanism to enhance public and non-profit health care providers' access to advanced broadband telecommunications. During this time, we have learned that few rural hospitals have the resources or capabilities to successfully manage large, complex infrastructure projects.

The private sector is a critical part of the long-term healthcare solution our nation needs. ProForma Health Care Solutions (PFHCS) has proposed a private-public partnership that works to strengthen the role of providers and the technology community to address the immediate and developing healthcare challenges faced by our rural communities.

In order to address many of the issues and obstacles that presently limit access and development of quality healthcare programs in many rural areas, including the state of Georgia, I hope you review this proposal. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Tom Price, M.D.  
Member of Congress