

April 27, 2020

Mr. Ajit Pai
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
Re: COVID-19 Telehealth Program
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Pai:

We write in support of the funding application submitted by Spurwink Services to the COVID-19 Telehealth Program administered by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). If awarded, Spurwink Services would be able to continue providing critical behavioral health services despite physical distancing requirements.

Spurwink Services is a Maine-based, behavioral health, nonprofit organization that serves Mainers who experience mental health challenges, addiction, trauma, intellectual disabilities, and autism. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the 8,100 clients that Spurwink serves, its staff of 1,100, and the organization as whole has been profound. Spurwink has transitioned to telehealth outpatient and community services support, distance learning for special education schools, residential programs for children and adults, all while administrative staff continues to work remotely.

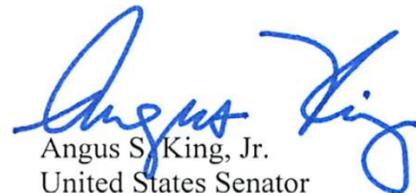
Funding from the FCC would allow Spurwink Services to provide staff and clients with the technology needed to continue behavioral health services during the time of physical distancing. We believe this funding is crucial for Spurwink Services to fulfill its commitment to providing life-saving care for Mainers with behavioral health challenges.

Thank you for your time on behalf of Spurwink Services. We request the FCC's careful consideration of this proposal, subject to all applicable laws and regulations, and ask that your staff please notify Brenna Kent (Collins) at (202) 224-2523 and Adam Lachman (King) at (202) 224-5344 when a final decision has been made.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator



Angus S. King, Jr.
United States Senator