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Congress of the United States  
2nd District of Maine

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April 24, 2020

The Honorable Ajit Pai  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Pai,

I am writing today in support of an application by Spurwink Services for resources to improve telehealth as authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. As the Federal Communications Commission reviews the applications that it receives nationwide, I am hopeful this important Maine application receives careful consideration.

Spurwink Services is a Maine-based behavioral health nonprofit organization serving Maine people who experience mental health challenges, addiction, trauma, intellectual disabilities and autism. The COVID-19 pandemic has greatly affected the 8,100 clients that are served by Spurwink as well as their staff of 1,100. The nonprofit has altered its operations to focus on telemedicine including special education distance learning, residential programs for adults and children and outpatient and community services. If awarded the grant, Spurwink will improve fiber optic internet and video conferencing systems as well as include the purchase of laptops, tablets, and routers, to bridge the digital divide for clients and staff and facilitate contact to provide support for basic needs and essential life-saving care.

Thank you for your time and effort reviewing this application. I urge your careful consideration of this application, in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations, and ask that you please contact Dan Jenkins at (207) 241-6767 when a final decision has been made.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared F. Golden".

Jared F. Golden  
Member of Congress