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Mr. Ajit Pai
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Letter of Support Kōkua Kalihi Valley Application for FCC COVID-19 Telehealth Program, FRN #0029405438

Dear Mr. Pai:

I am writing to you in support of Kōkua Kalihi Valley Comprehensive Family Services' (KKV) application for the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) COVID-19 Telehealth Program.

The funding from this program will allow KKV to expand its existing and successful telehealth services to a community with a significant population of low-income and minority families, including Native Hawaiian, Asian and Pacific Islanders. KKV is a community health center and Federal Qualified Health Center (FQHC) that serves the three largest public housing facilities in Hawai'i and the community of Kalihi, serving roughly 15,000 people through clinical services and community programs each year.

KKV's telehealth initiative targets approximately 4,600 low-income residents of Kalihi public housing and 1,500 home-bound kūpuna (seniors) with limited or no access to the internet and who have not yet been tested for COVID-19. This includes services to provide critical care for high-risk patients with COVID-19, monitoring of mental health and substance abuse patients, monitoring of pregnancies and continuity of care for patients with chronic conditions. During this time of crisis, we must support community health centers like KKV who are on the front lines of assisting our most vulnerable populations.

Thank you for your full and fair consideration of KKV's telehealth application. Please contact my Staff Assistant, Asami Kobayashi at Asami.Kobayashi@mail.house.gov, if you have any further questions. Thank you.

With aloha,

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