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Mr. Ajit Pai
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
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Dear Chairman Pai:

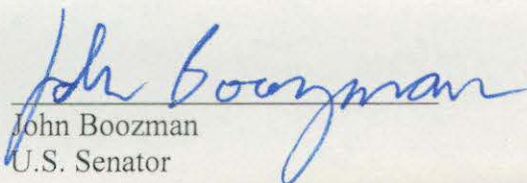
I am pleased to support the application submitted by Arkansas Children's Hospital (ACH) to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) COVID-19 Telehealth Program. Funds received will be used to expand ACH's growing telemedicine program to keep children safe and healthy at home.

ACH is working tirelessly to provide care to more families while simultaneously encouraging social distancing during this critical time. I understand the ACH telemedicine program has escalated from around 10 visits per day to over 200 visits per day due to COVID-19. However, more financial resources are necessary to continue this expansion.

Telemedicine is a critical life-line for the rural areas of Arkansas where many people drive several hours to receive specialty healthcare. This technology is needed now more than ever and I hope you will share my belief that this proposal will help children throughout the state have better access to high quality care at home.

I ask that you give this application all due consideration as it moves through the process, and please keep me informed of its progress. I appreciate the FCC's strategic speed in supporting Arkansans and our nation during this critical time.

Sincerely,


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