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The Honorable Ajit Pai
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Chairman Pai,

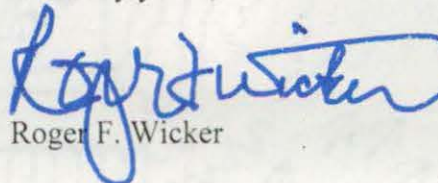
I would like to express my support for Rush Health Systems' two applications for COVID-19 Telehealth Program funding for Rush Foundation Hospital and Choctaw General Hospital.

Rush Health Systems intends to further implement a robust telemedicine program to monitor and treat patients in their homes and in nursing homes. This program would monitor and treat both COVID-19 positive patients and non-COVID-19 positive patients outside of the hospital setting, thereby reducing the risk of exposure to the virus. Devices and remote monitoring will be targeted toward nursing home patients, elderly patients in rural clinics, and other patients with chronic conditions. Funding through the Federal Communications Commission's COVID-19 Telehealth Program would greatly assist Rush Health Systems in monitoring and treating patients in a way that reduces stresses on the hospitals' resources and beds and limits the spread of COVID-19.

Thank you for the expeditious implementation of the COVID-19 Telehealth Program in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic. I hope that you will give Rush Health Systems' two applications every consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide additional information.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,


Roger F. Wicker

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