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The Honorable Ajit Pai Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 15th Street SW Suite 8-B201 Washington, D.C. 20554-0001

Dear Chairman Pai,

I would like to express my support for the University of Mississippi Medical Center's application for a COVID-19 Telehealth Grant.

The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) provides primary care, specialty care, and subspecialty care throughout Mississippi. UMMC is also home to the state's only Level 1 trauma center, children's hospital, Level 4 neonatal intensive care unit, and the only organ transplant programs in the state. COVID-19 Telehealth funding would support critical infrastructure that will support a telehealth-driven COVID-19 triage solution and also support a rapid expansion of telehealth treatment, including serving more patients and specialties. The expansion of telehealth capabilities at UMMC will allow healthcare professionals to provide both triage and health services to patients in their homes or remote locations, thereby saving personal protective equipment and decreasing exposure of both patients and healthcare personnel.

I hope that you will give the University of Mississippi Medical Center's application 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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