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Chairman Ajit V. Pai
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554-0004

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Dear Chairman Pai,

I am writing to express my support for the proposal submitted by the University of Alabama to the Federal Communications Commission for the COVID-19 Telehealth Program.

This funding, if awarded, would provide remote patient monitoring (RPM) equipment for patients in twelve counties who are most vulnerable to morbidity and mortality, the elderly and those in rural communities, due to COVID-19. Monitoring will be performed by physicians at University Medical Center, a large multi-specialty clinic affiliated with the University of Alabama. With RPM equipment, clinical level data can be relayed, wirelessly and immediately, from the patient's home to a primary care physician. The use of this equipment can alert physicians that attention is needed, allowing a patient's needs to be addressed immediately. This approach will reduce cost, improve care, expand access to care, and protect these high risk patients by keeping them at home and away from medical facilities.

I hope you will agree that this proposal has merit and is worthy of funding. If I can answer any questions or provide additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Doug Jones
United States Senator

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