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The Honorable Catherine Cortez Masto
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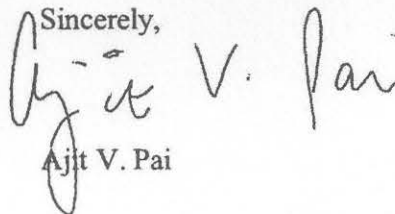
Dear Senator Cortez Masto:

Thank you for your letter supporting the application of Northern Nye County Hospital District for funding under the Federal Communications Commission's Connected Care Pilot Program. In the past year, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, broadband connectivity has become an increasingly critical component of health care delivery, with health care providers and patients relying on broadband-enabled connected care services more and more each day.

The Connected Care Pilot Program will provide up to \$100 million from the Universal Service Fund over a three-year period to examine how the Fund can help support the trend towards connected care services, with a primary emphasis on providing connected care services to low-income Americans and veterans. And I believe it will better inform our understanding of how telemedicine can be used, save costs, and improve health outcomes.

I appreciate your support of Northern Nye County Hospital District's proposal for the Connected Care Pilot Program and thank you for highlighting its potential impact. I look forward to the Commission selecting pilot projects and witnessing the impact that the Pilot Program will have on expanding access to connected care services.

Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Ajit V. Pai