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WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 28, 2021

Ms. Jessica Rosenworcel
Acting Chairwoman
Federal Communications Commission
45 L Street Northeast
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: Gundersen Health System, COVID-19 Telehealth Program

Dear Chairwoman Rosenworcel:

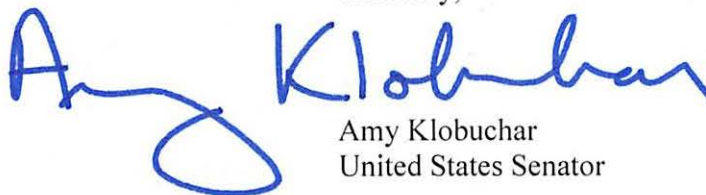
I write in support of Gundersen Health System's (GHS) application for funding through the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) COVID-19 Telehealth Program. If awarded, the funding would be used to support GHS's telehealth program in its clinics.

Founded in 1902, Gundersen Health is a non-profit community health care system comprised of six hospitals and over a dozen clinics that provide compassionate and supportive healthcare services and resources to vulnerable and underrepresented communities across Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Iowa. Despite many pandemic-related challenges, GHS has continued to provide integrated care to thousands of patients via telehealth. Increased flexibilities and investments in telehealth have allowed GHS to conduct over 195,000 visits in 2020 alone. These platforms have allowed over 63,000 rural patients to receive care, an opportunity that may not have been possible without the use of telehealth.

Funding from the COVID-19 Telehealth Program would be used by Gundersen Health to support its telehealth program and to purchase additional equipment. The funding secured would be used to recover incurred costs from the program and to purchase wireless carts, peripherals, monitors, and their related maintenance fees. Support from the FCC would give more rural GHS patients the opportunity to receive care virtually via telehealth, eliminating the need to travel during the ongoing pandemic. As the current public health crisis continues, telehealth remains a crucial frontline resource for providers to deliver care to their patients.

Again, I support Gundersen Health System's application for funding through the Federal Communication Commission's COVID-19 Telehealth Program. If you have any questions, please contact Rommel Lee in my Minnesota office at (612) 727-5220 or by email at Rommel_Lee@Klobuchar.Senate.Gov.

Sincerely,



Amy Klobuchar
United States Senator