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The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel
Acting Chairwoman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
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Dear Acting Chairwoman Rosenworcel,

I write in support of Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center's application for second-round funding made available through the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) COVID-19 Telehealth Program.

The Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center – located in Buffalo, New York – was founded in 1898 as the nation's first cancer research, treatment, and education center and has been recognized as a leader in its field for over a century. Roswell Park is just one of 51 such cancer centers in the United States and treats over a quarter of a million patients each year. The type of research conducted at Roswell Park is critical to understanding the causes of cancer, as well as eventually finding the cure.

Recently, Roswell Park applied for the second round of COVID-19 Telehealth Funding Program. Funding secured during the first round was helpful in expanding Roswell Park's telehealth capabilities, allowing them to purchase software to access their systems and support remote users. Roswell Park is seeking second round funding for the physical technology that allows for clinicians to meet with patients remotely.

Throughout the pandemic, Roswell Park was able to continue treating patients, many of whom are severely immunocompromised due to a cancer diagnosis. In addition to serving vulnerable populations, telehealth technology allowed clinicians to serve patients who face geographic and transportation barriers to care. Those who work at Roswell Park will speak firsthand on how telehealth technology allowed them to save lives, guaranteeing no patient would need to miss an appointment due to in-person health risks.

As the FCC reviews applications for the next round of the COVID-19 Telehealth Program, I ask that you strongly consider Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Sincerely,



Brian Higgins
Member of Congress