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I am writing in support of Ron Oberleitner's proposal to use telehealth to support children and families who are dealing with autism.

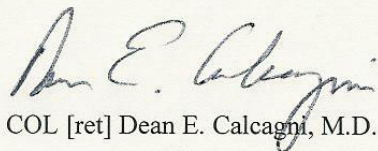
I am a physician. Two years ago I retired from the Army after 26 years on Active Duty. My last ten years on Active Duty was at the Telemedicine and Advanced Technology Research Center [TATRC] where I was the Deputy Director. At TATRC we took the lead for the DOD in pioneering the use of distance medicine for a variety of purposes. We also took a leadership role within the U.S. civilian telemedicine community. Several people from TATRC have served as President of the American Telemedicine Association.

I am also the father of an 18 year old daughter with severe autism. I have come to know Ron Oberleitner quite well. I have the highest regard for his ground breaking work in applying technology to improve the care for children with autism.

I recommend him and his outstanding work to you with great enthusiasm. I am quite sure that his proposed work will be of great benefit to airmen and to their families.

Please do not hesitate to call me at 339-222-4362 if you would like to discuss this further.

Sincerely,



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