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**Belknap County**  
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**Carroll County**  
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The Honorable Larry Strickling  
Assistant Secretary of Commerce  
National Telecommunications and Information Administration  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Avenue NW  
Washington, D.C. 20230

**Cheshire County**  
352-4550

**Coös County**  
788-4961

Assistant Secretary Strickling:

On behalf of UNH Cooperative Extension, Carroll County, I wish to express our support and commitment to the statewide broadband proposal titled Network New Hampshire Now (#4248) submitted by the University of New Hampshire to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Broadband Technologies Opportunities Program (BTOP) Round 2 program. Carroll County is impacted directly by a lack of available connectivity and by the high cost of connectivity due to insufficient supply and inadequate price competition in New Hampshire.

**Grafton County**  
787-6944

Robust and reliable broadband connectivity is critical to UNH Cooperative Extension's mission, i.e. to provide NH citizens with research-based education and information, enhancing their ability to make informed decisions which strengthen youth, families and communities, sustain natural resources, and improve the economy. We rely on Internet connectivity to communicate with colleagues, volunteers, and clientele throughout the state. Increasing access to internet based information reduces the need for travel , and increases the scope and impact of our work beyond local boundaries.

**Hillsborough County**  
641-6060

**Merrimack County**  
796-2151

**Rockingham County**  
679-5616

We are currently unable to expand our services due to inadequate access to reliable broadband service. The Network New Hampshire Now Project will be extremely useful for us. It will enhance our ability to communicate with colleagues throughout the state, region and nation. It will also improve our ability to work with our local volunteers and provide us with the affordable broadband connectivity we need to communicate and deliver programs to clientele.

**Strafford County**  
749-4445

**Sullivan County**  
863-9200

For these reasons, we at UNH Cooperative Extension, Carroll County are enthusiastically committed to New Hampshire's efforts at constructing the Network New Hampshire Now Project. We look forward to being a user of and provider on the finished network. We encourage the funding and construction of this project.

Sincerely,



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