



Town of Enfield

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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, DC 20230

Re: Network New Hampshire Now (#4248)

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

On behalf of the Town of Enfield, we wish to express our support for 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. Our town 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.

Enfield, like many other rural communities, has large sections that have limited access to broadband technology. Because of this we struggle to attract businesses that require broadband connectivity. We are also part of a five-town school district that stretches out close to 209 square miles. Connection to a fiber network would connect students, parents and teachers in an unprecedented fashion.

Please allow this letter to also serve as a notice of intent to purchase services from the NH Fastroads Network, should the network be constructed.

For these reasons, we are enthusiastically committed to New Hampshire's efforts at constructing the Network New Hampshire Now Project. We encourage the funding and construction of this project, and we look forward to being a customer of the finished network.

Sincerely,



John W. Kluge
Chair, Enfield Selectboard