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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 New London, 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 by the high cost of connectivity due to insufficient supply and inadequate price competition in New Hampshire.

The Town of New London hosts a vibrant commercial base, including Colby-Sawyer College and New London Hospital. In order to achieve the desired bandwidth, our largest economic engines must contract with private carriers for T1 and T3 lines at a great expense. We believe that a high bandwidth open access network will provide the speeds that our community needs to remain competitive as a commercial, residential, and tourist destination, all at an affordable price.

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. 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,

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Board of Selectmen

Mark Kaplan  
Board of Selectmen

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