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The Honorable Larry Strickling
Assistant Secretary of Commerce
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U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue NW
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Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

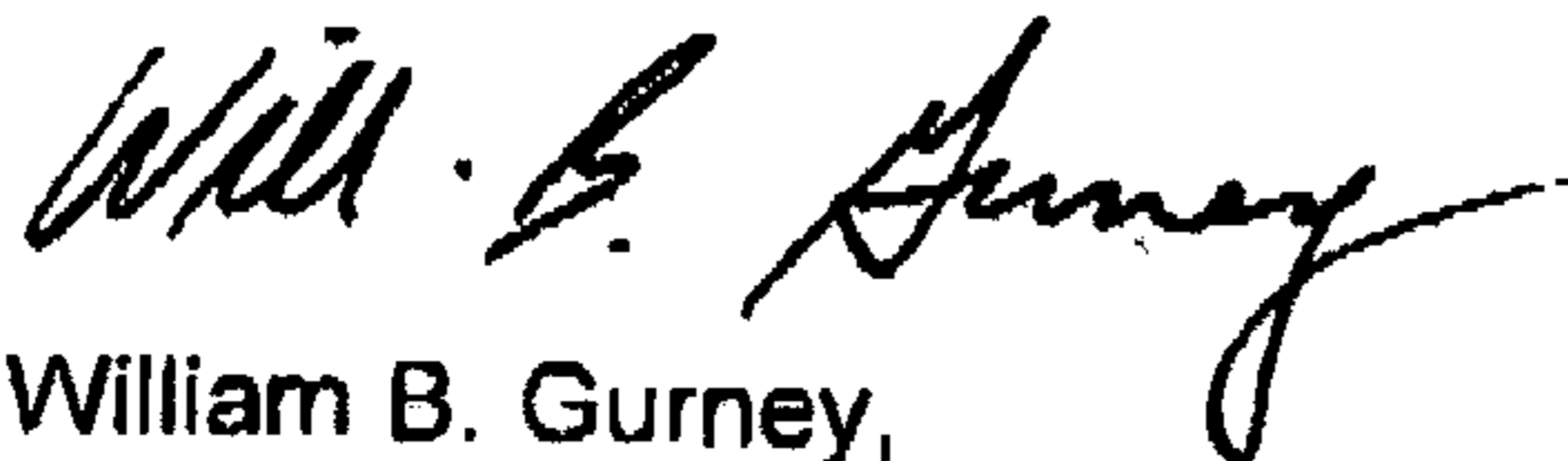
On behalf of the Keene School District and SAU 29, I wish to express our commitment to the joint statewide broadband proposal submitted by the University of New Hampshire. The State of New Hampshire will be submitting a joint application on behalf of several colleges and universities as well as NH FastRoads, a community broadband effort, to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Broadband Technologies Opportunities Program (BTOP) Round 2 program. Our faculty and students are impacted directly by lack of available connectivity and by the high cost of connectivity due to insufficient supply and inadequate price competition in New Hampshire.

Areas of our school district are very rural and families must rely upon dial-up access to the internet. Often, these students find themselves at a disadvantage compared to their peers with access to faster internet service.

The Network New Hampshire Project being proposed by the statewide partner group led by the University of New Hampshire will be extremely useful for us, and hence to our customers.

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

Sincerely,



William B. Gurney,
Co-Superintendent