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March 23, 2010

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

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

Ledyard National Bank would like to ask for your support of the joint statewide broadband proposal that the State of New Hampshire will be submitting an application for on behalf of several colleges and universities as well as New Hampshire FastRoads.

We feel strongly that the lack of reliable broadband is a serious disadvantage for us in relation to other parts of the world. Additionally, at a time when corporations, particularly ours, are aspiring to be "green" by allowing employees to work from home, we aren't able to support this. As a financial services company it is essential that we remain technologically competitive.

The Network New Hampshire Project being proposed will be very beneficial to us and other area businesses. We encourage your consideration for funding and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathryn Underwood".

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