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March 26, 2010

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

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

On behalf of the County of Sullivan, NH, I wish to express our 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. The County of Sullivan, NH 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.

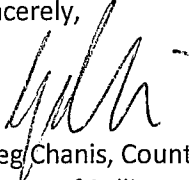
As with other rural communities, access to County data/information by the citizens, businesses, and other municipalities, is inefficient and cumbersome. With broadband opportunities, those living in regions with no service, or limited dial-up Internet service, would have access to our County website and the ability to download large files and forms. For example, items they would be able to access at the County website would include:

- meeting minutes and copies of documents distributed during the meetings,
- fiscal year budget data for all County departments, as well as year to date financial activity and balances,
- information on the services each County department provides,
- access to downloadable forms required for departments such as the County: nursing home, Registry of Deeds, Human Resources, Sheriff's Office, County Grant Program, Department of Corrections, UNH Cooperative Extension and our Soils/Water Conversation office; as well as registrations for special events and programs held for both County employees and citizens throughout the entire county region.

Robust and reliable broadband connectivity is critical to the County of Sullivan. We rely on broadband to share large document files with our elected officials, the municipalities within our region, local media and with our employees. We are currently unable to share our services quickly, efficiently, due to inadequate access to reliable and affordable broadband services. The Network New Hampshire Now Project will be extremely useful for us, and hence to our customers.

For these reasons, we at the County of Sullivan, NH 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Chanis".

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