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The Honorable Larry Strickling
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U.S. Department of Commerce
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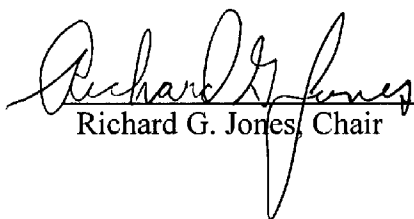
Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

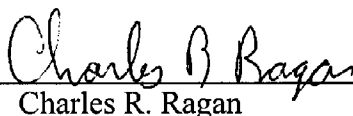
On behalf of the Town of Lyme, NH, I wish to express our commitment to the joint statewide broadband proposal submitted by the University of New Hampshire. The State of New Hampshire will be submitting a joint application on behalf of several colleges and universities as well as NH FastRoads, a community broadband effort, to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Broadband Technologies Opportunities Program (BTOP) Round 2 program. Lyme is 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.

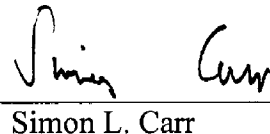
Robust and reliable broadband connectivity is critical to our residents. Many of these are medical professionals who rely on broadband to enable them to carry out their healthcare duties. Many others are academic and business professionals, who are unable to carry out their duties in an expeditious manner due to the lack of broadband connectivity. They are currently unable to expand their businesses and services due to inadequate access to reliable and affordable broadband services. The Network New Hampshire Project being proposed by the statewide partner group led by the University of New Hampshire will be extremely useful to our residents.

For these reasons, we in the Town of Lyme 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,


Richard G. Jones, Chair


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