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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, D.C. 20230

Re: Statewide Broadband Proposal – Monadnock Region

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

Thank you for considering the positive impacts of broadband on our small and medium sized NH Businesses.

The MacMillin Company, Inc is committed 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. The MacMillin Company 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.

Broadband connectivity is essentially a waste of money unless it can perform with reliability and speed. We need a valid, reliable system in the State of New Hampshire.

As a construction management firm, we have continuously changing project sites throughout NH, VT and ME. Broadband is critical to keep our project teams up to date on field (construction site) and office activity. Many of our projects must rely on antiquated methods to manage information due to inadequate access to reliable and affordable broadband services. This makes us less competitive as we have to manage projects differently depending on geography, and cannot streamline our procedures. The Network New Hampshire Project being proposed by the statewide partner group and led by the University of New Hampshire will be extremely useful for us, and hence to our customers.

For these reasons, we at The MacMillin Company 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,

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