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The Honorable Larry Strickling
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Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

On behalf of the Town of Peterborough, 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. The Town of Peterborough 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.

We rely on broadband to communicate and disseminate most official government documents to our constituents as well as make available information resources for all sectors of our economy. Robust and reliable broadband connectivity is critical to our town residents, business owners, and municipal operations. We are currently unable to expand our services due to inadequate access to reliable and affordable broadband services. Over one-third of Peterborough is currently underserved and the residents and businesses are frustrated with this situation. 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 community members and business attraction efforts.

For these reasons, we at the Town of Peterborough are eagerly 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.

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