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The Honorable Larry Strickling
Assistant Secretary of Commerce
NTIA

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U.S. Dept. of Commerce
1401 Constitution Ave. NW
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Assistant Strickling,

As President of Cyberpine Cooperative, Inc., I am contacting you to voice our organization's support for the joint broadband application submitted by The University of NH, State of NH, NH FastRoads and several universities and colleges, for funds available under the NTIA BTOP Round 2 program.

We are a wireless internet service provider located in Sandwich, NH, formed in 2005, with the mission of providing high speed wireless internet access in Sandwich and surrounding towns.

Our town has neither cable or DSL as a means of accessing the internet. We currently have 150 subscribers, with many daughter connections off those, as well as providing access to the Town Hall and all its departments including the Police and Fire Departments, the Samuel Wentworth Library, and free public hot spots in several locations.

We run this network on a total of 11.5mbps down, 5.6mbps up, comprised of a single T1, 2 bonded T1 lines and an 11 mile wireless hop to a single 7mbps down, 1.1mbps up DSL circuit in Meredith, NH.

Our cooperative has the resources and technology to provide access to a much higher percentage of the population at a higher bandwidth, but we are hampered by the lack of availability of affordable and accessible bandwidth, a situation that exists all over the country wherever independent ISPs are trying to close the digital divide between urban and rural America. Because of low population density, areas like ours are neglected by the major broadband providers.

We feel that this UNH/State of NH project is exactly what our area needs in order for us to provide the bandwidth necessary to create jobs, keep businesses in the area, supply our local library and municipal government, and continue to attract tourists to the area which is a mainstay of the local economy.

We are willing and able to provide all equipment necessary for interconnectivity to the proposed project as well as committing a reasonable percentage of subscriber revenue on a monthly recurring basis for the bandwidth provided.

We encourage the funding of this project as it represents one of the few bright lights on the horizon for providing adequate bandwidth to a non-served or under-served segment of rural America.

Respectfully,

Gunnar Berg

Gunnar Berg, President
Cyberpine Cooperative, Inc.