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March 22, 2010

The Honorable Larry Strickling
Assistant Secretary of Commerce
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20230

Re: Network New Hampshire Now (#4248)

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

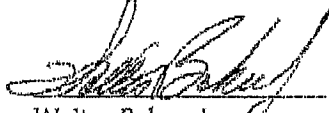
On behalf of the Town of New London we wish to express our support for the statewide broadband proposal titled Network New Hampshire Now (#4248) submitted by the University of New Hampshire to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NIIA) Broadband Technologies Opportunities Program (BTOP) Round 2 program. Our town 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.

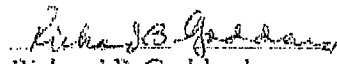
We believe that broadband communications would benefit our community in economic development, business growth, and employment opportunities for our telecommuting workforce. Sutton is a rural community that attracts not only telecommuters but tourism which benefits New Hampshire's economic development. The Kearsarge Regional School District which serves seven area communities has its high school, middle school and an elementary school located in Sutton and broadband communications is clearly beneficial to the educational process. In addition, the only high speed communications currently available in Sutton are DSL connections and many areas in our community still do not have connectivity.

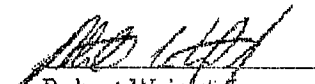
Please allow this letter to also serve as a notice of intent to purchase services from the NII Fastroads Network, should the network be constructed.

For these reasons, we 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,


Walter Baker, Jr.
Board of Selectmen


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Robert Wright, Jr.
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