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Dear Mr. Strickling,

As you know, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) requested that we provide NTIA with feedback on the many South Carolina-specific Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP) applications that have been submitted for consideration. In this letter, we list several projects that we believe will address South Carolina's unmet broadband needs and will advance our state's social and economic development objectives.

In an effort to ensure the grant review process was conducted with an appropriate level of diligence and expertise, we created the Broadband Advisory Committee to review and prioritize the grant applications. During Round Two, the Committee met on two separate occasions to discuss the merits of over 40 applications, receive comments from applicants and communications professionals, and select the applications that, in their opinion, best fit NTIA's grant criteria and South Carolina's needs. All applicants who wished to present their projects to the committee were given an opportunity to do so. The applications that the Committee recommended are listed below.

Sustainable Broadband Adoption
For sustainable adoption projects, the Committee gave priority to, among other criteria, applications that address broadband adoption on a statewide basis.

**Judiciary Courts of the State of South Carolina – Increasing Community Access to the South Carolina Courts**

**Elauwit Community Enhancement Foundation LLC– South Carolina Public Housing Broadband Adoption Project**

**South Carolina Educational Television – Bringing Broadband Home**

**V-Health - V-Health Telehealth Services**

**Farmers Telephone Co-op – Adopt a Laptop**

Public Computer Center
For public computer center projects, the Committee gave priority to, among other criteria, applications from entities that have an established base in their community, have a track record of providing similar services, and address multiple areas of the State.

**Elauwit Community Enhancement Foundation LLC – South Carolina Public Housing Computer Centers Project**

**South Carolina State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education- South Carolina Reach Out for Success**

Community Infrastructure
For community infrastructure projects, the Committee gave priority to, among other criteria, projects that serve the target area the best and funds available to support the project apart from the federal dollars.

**Clemson University - Palmetto State Integrated Fiber Infrastructure: A Statewide Broadband Strategy for South Carolina**

**City of Columbia – Capital Community Broadband Services Infrastructure Project**

We believe the Broadband Advisory Committee's recommendations reflect the BTOP's and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009's (ARRA) goals of enhancing South Carolina's broadband and economic development capabilities. If you have any questions, or if I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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