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Mr. Chip Bull, Petersham Broadband Committee Town of Petersham 3 South Main Street P.O. Box 486 Petersham MA 01366

Dear Mr. Bull,

I am writing in regards to the Town of Petersham's broadband project. I would like to offer my support of any efforts by the Town of Petersham to conduct a local build-out of broadband services.

I have seen firsthand the need for broadband improvements in many rural towns in my district. Petersham is defined as an unserved town with no cable access and limited DSL and during my time representing the town, I have heard directly from many constituents about the inadequacy of broadband service in the community. I have fielded numerous requests for my assistance in working with the town and the state to improve the situation. I hope that this project will be able to proceed in a satisfactory manner.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

State Senator

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