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Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information
United States Department of Commerce
Washington, DC 20230-0001

Dear Mr. Strickling:

In response to your letter and guidance dated September 18, 2009, we respectfully submit the attached list of Alabama projects for consideration under NTIA's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP).

We conducted a comprehensive review of each of the one hundred, thirty (130) applications submitted on behalf of projects in the State of Alabama. Each project was assessed, to the extent possible with the information provided to us, for its purpose, benefits, viability, budget and sustainability. A second review by voting members of the Alabama Broadband Initiative (ALBI) Review Committee was conducted to determine which projects meet the greatest needs and provide the greatest possible benefits to our State. The projects listed on the attachment were approved by the ALBI Review Committee for recommendation.

I am pleased to offer my full support for the ALBI Review Committee's recommendations and ask that these projects receive your full consideration.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of Alabama's projects and for your continued work on America's recovery and reinvestment efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Riley", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Bob Riley
Governor of Alabama

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Attachment