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RE: Virginia Support for SCTC MMG Application

To Whom It May Concern;

The Commonwealth of Virginia is aware that Scott County Telephone Cooperative, Inc., (SCTC), is applying for the NTIA's Middle-Mile Grant (MMG) program under the application named Central Appalachian Broadband, GRN 001081. It is our understanding this new build out will open up new markets that are unserved and underserved.

The application is for 155 miles of middle-mile network to access unserved markets, and to interconnect with their existing 700-plus middle-mile network.

The Commonwealth supports the SCTC application; it is completely consistent with Virginia's objective to have affordable, reliable high-speed Internet to all Virginians with the goal of creating strong, competitive communities.

Sincerely,

Bryan Horn
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