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Sarah Bleau
Middle Mile Director
Office of Internet Connectivity and Growth
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Director Bleau,

I am writing this letter in strong support of Peninsula Fiber Network's (PFN) application for the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Enabling Middle Mile Infrastructure Program.

It is essential that all Americans, especially those in need, have access to high-speed internet. Unfortunately, digital literacy and broadband subscribership in the 14th District pales in comparison to other areas in our state. PFN's proposed middle mile project [redacted] will help remedy this divide. Additional middle mile infrastructure and competition can help to lower the cost to end-user providers, which in-turn can lower the cost to the end-user. Lower broadband bills provide greater opportunity for increased subscribership, particularly in economically challenged areas.

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Throughout my time in Congress, I have consistently supported and advanced efforts to expand rural broadband for the residents and businesses in Michigan's 14th Congressional District. Therefore, I strongly support PFN's application and urge your office to give this application your full attention and consideration. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at (248) 356-2052.

Sincerely,

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