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September 26, 2022

Ms. Sarah Bleau
Director of Middle Mile
Office of Internet Connectivity and Growth
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
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Washington, DC 20230

Dear Ms. Bleau:

Grow Southeast Alabama is an eleven-county collaborative of economic developers and member partners in the Wiregrass region of southeast Alabama. We wholeheartedly support Troy Cablevision's project proposal and application for the NTIA Middle-Mile Network Grant. We believe this project will create exceptional expansion opportunities for our existing businesses and industry by leveraging reliable, high-speed broadband services for the State of Alabama and the Wiregrass.

The lack of accessible, affordable middle-mile fiber in Alabama continues to hamper advanced manufacturing, technology growth, and education opportunities in our state. Troy Cablevision is a highly capable and experienced company with long and proven track records of providing both wholesale and end-user services across our state. This partnership is a wise choice to connect more schools, businesses, industry, and individuals to fiber broadband services.

Grow Southeast Alabama is looking forward to this opportunity for Troy Cablevision to bring the benefits of fiber broadband to more citizens in our state. Our Economic Developers and member partners strongly urge NTIA to approve the Troy Cablevision grant application.

Sincerely,

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