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

Dear Ms. Bleau,

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affair's (ADECA) Digital Expansion Division is pleased to support Troy Cablevision, Inc.'s (Troy) application for funding through the United States National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Middle-Mile Broadband Infrastructure Grant Program.

It is the understanding of ADECA that Troy will be applying to construct a network passing both rural and urban parts of Alabama that will connect with portions of its existing network. This new middle-mile network will enable last-mile services in Troy's existing territory and agreements with other internet service providers in the unserved and underserved parts of the state. Expanding broadband availability will advance ADECA's goal of internet access for all Alabama citizens.

If funded, Troy and ADECA will continue to collaborate through information exchanges and discussions to share impacts on the proposed service areas. Troy has partnered with the state to expand broadband to unserved and underserved areas of Alabama, and ADECA has awarded Troy a total of eight grants through a statewide broadband program. Three of these projects have already been completed in compliance with program rules.

Again, ADECA fully supports Troy's application for funding through the United States National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Middle-Mile Broadband Infrastructure Grant Program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs
Digital Expansion Division Chief