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Mr. Gregory Urban
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Dear Mr. Urban:

Subject: OneMaryland Broadband Network

Prince George's Community College hereby indicates its support for and intended participation in the Maryland BTOP grant application. There is a critical need for improved access to broadband service to help the College achieve its core educational and job-training mission. In the absence of this proposed network, however, the College cannot afford sufficient broadband service, given the prohibitive expense of private sector service offerings available to the campus.

The College's need for broadband connectivity promises to be a long-term issue. It is required to provide access to more educational opportunities, learning resources and institutional partners. The College has invested in broadband services but cannot keep up with changing technologies and the ever-growing need to expand. The College makes significant expenditures in broadband services to keep up with enrollment growth, applications and online services. Budget constraints due to the ongoing economic crisis will affect its capabilities to purchase bandwidth sufficient for these current and future needs from private providers.

If the broadband network project is constructed and the College is connected to the middle-mile infrastructure, the anticipated expanded broadband service will enable the College to:

- Improve capability to provide media rich instruction for students on campus and workforce development initiatives.
- Improve capability to create partnerships with other institutions and businesses through use of interactive online video and web conferencing.
- Inter-connect with all community colleges in the state of Maryland allowing Prince George's Community College to leverage resources enhancing its ability to offer advanced learning experiences.

Thank you for including Prince George's Community College as one of your network's community anchors. Construction of the network would represent a great opportunity for the College and for the community it serves.

Sincerely,

Joseph G. Rossmeier
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