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Gregory Urban
Deputy Chief Information Officer
State of Maryland
45 Calvert Street
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Dear Mr. Urban:

The Worcester County Library is a small public library system on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Our branch library that houses the administrative offices in Snow Hill is the one facility in our system that has a direct broadband connection to Sailor – Maryland's public Information network.

The grant request by the OneMaryland Broadband Network presents us with an opportunity to get fiber-optic cable into our other four branch locations throughout the county. At present we are paying two different telecommunication companies for high bandwidth access to the Internet at those libraries. The ability to connect at greater bandwidth and significantly lower cost is an appealing prospect and would allow us to divert funds back to direct service to our customers.

We support, therefore, this grant request and urge you to give it careful consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Thomas

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Director

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