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Mr. Larry Strickling
Administrator
National Telecommunications & Information Technology Administration
1401 Constitution Ave., N.W.
Washington, DC 20230

RE: Letter of State Designation for West Virginia

Dear Mr. Strickling:

The Broadband Data Improvement Act (BDIA), Title I of Public Law No. 110-385, 122 Stat. 4096 (Oct. 10, 2008), requires a letter of state designation affirming that the West Virginia Geologic and Economic Survey is the single entity in West Virginia eligible to receive a grant under this Program.

On July 1, 2009, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) issued a Notice of Fund Availability (NOFA) for State Broadband Mapping Grant in Docket No. 0660-ZA29. The NOFA reiterates the BDIA requirement for a letter of state designation.

As Governor of the State of West Virginia, I do hereby designate the West Virginia Geologic and Economic Survey, an agency of the state, as the authorized designee for mapping broadband availability in West Virginia. Let this letter stand as certification that the West Virginia Geologic and Economic Survey is the single eligible entity for West Virginia that has been designated by the state to receive a grant under Section 106(i)(2)(B) of the BDIA.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Manchin III".

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cc: Federal Communications Commission Chairman Julius Genachowski
West Virginia Secretary of Commerce Kelley Goes