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Chairman Julius Genachowski,

I have been looking into the broadband stimulus application submitted to the NTIA by UNH (#4248 for summer 2010 broadband). I have researched similar projects across the country, and have found none that didn't leave the taxpayer indebted.

In the application it makes no mention of who is going to pay for the end to end equipment to utilize the fiber network. Purchasing, placing, and splicing the fiber is going to use most of that money. Once that stimulus money has been used, it seems to me that the taxpayer is going to be left paying for the continuation of this project. In areas that this type of service has been deployed the cost to the taxpayer and to the subscriber of such a network is outrageous. In one instance a project called UTOPIA, in Utah was an eleven community project, to run a fiber network. It initially had a price tag of \$202 million, that increased to \$500 million in just a little over 2 years. That alone should be enough for most people to not want such a project in there state. There are many other examples, but I think that is the biggest concern and shows just what this will end up costing the residents and businesses of NH.

I see no valuable reason why federal funds should go to a university to run a network that is already in place, and could put such a burden on the taxpayer. The outline for this stimulus money states that it can not be used for a redundant network and must be used for unserved and underserved areas. While looking at the mapping of the proposed network, it doesn't go near Coos county where broadband is a foreign language. The residents of "the north country" are in need of access to a broadband connection, that's what this money is supposed to be used for.

I thank you for your time on this concerning matter.

Respectively,



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