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Julius Genachowski, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> St., S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: WC Docket No. 10-90, Universal Broadband Map

Dear Mr. Genachowski:

Enclosed herein, please find a disk with data for consideration in the above referenced docket. In furtherance of our shared goal of universal broadband access, I have enclosed a data set presented to me by Mississippi's DeSoto County which documents over 14,000 instances of unserved customers. DeSoto is Mississippi's third most populous county, located just south of Memphis, Tennessee. This data was reported directly from county residents through a survey created by county leadership.

The lack of access to high speed internet is a burden for many Mississippians. Without it, education, health care, and law enforcement intuitions cannot operate at levels standard across the country. Small businesses cannot compete without access to the same tools as their competitors.

The FCC's National Broadband Map vastly overstates broadband coverage in the state. While the map shows neighboring states with extensive unserved areas, Mississippi appears to have nearly universal coverage. Without correction, Mississippi will miss out on significant federal assistance. The funds denied Mississippi will be distributed to other states, resulting in a further disparity between Mississippi and the rest of the county. Mississippians will be left further behind, and the FCC's goal of universal broadband service will be undermined.

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DeSoto County is to be applauded for gathering this information on behalf of its unserved residents. My office is engaged in similar fact finding. With findings of such a large number of unserved customers, the disparity between the National Broadband Map and the situation on the ground is evident. I hope that the information contained herein illustrates the urgency of FCC action in correcting the map.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Brandon Presley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial 'B' and a long, sweeping underline.

Brandon Presley

cc: Vanessa Lynchard, DeSoto County Administrator

DOCKET NO. 10-90

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