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We, the Selectboard of the Town of Alstead, NH County of Cheshire, fully support the Expression of Interest being submitted in collaboration with New Hampshire FastRoads in order to expand broadband optical fiber into five of the most rural towns of the county, specifically the towns of Marlow, Langdon, Alstead, Surry and Walpole.

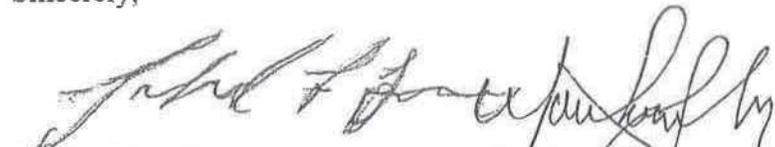
It is extremely important to the Town of Alstead and the County of Cheshire that more residents and businesses have the opportunity to connect directly to a network that will allow them to work more readily from home, seek medical care online, frequently use video conferencing and attend online classes taking place across the country or world. This effort could change the way residents work, play and live their daily lives.

Investing in broadband will help existing businesses to grow, bring innovation and new companies to the area and create new jobs. Increasing broadband coverage in these rural areas will encourage local enterprise and give more people the flexibility to work from home and save transportation costs.

In addition, this project will create competition in the open-access networks which will be connected by the proposed 46 Community Anchor Institutions. This currently does not exist in the rural towns mentioned above and will result in increased individual choices with possible cost reductions.

We encourage you to favorably consider our Expression of Interest and look forward to hearing from you with an invitation for a full application.

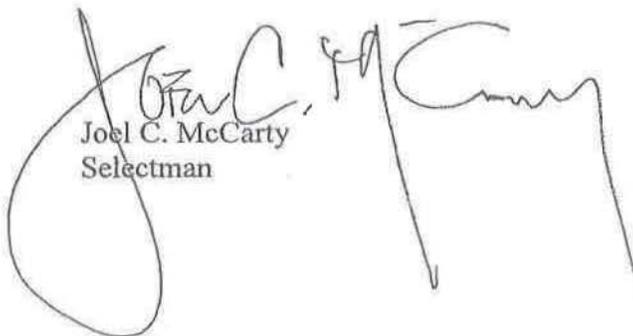
Sincerely,



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The Selectboard of the Town of Walpole, New Hampshire supports the Expression of Interest submitted in collaboration with New Hampshire FastRoads in order to expand broadband optical fiber into Alstead, Langdon, Marlow, Walpole and Surry, five of the most rural towns in Cheshire County.

It is extremely important that more residents and businesses have the opportunity to connect directly to a network that will enable them to work at home easily, find online medical care, and continue their education anywhere in the world as well as video. This will change the way residents of these towns work, play and live their daily lives.

Investing in broadband will help existing businesses to grow by bringing innovation, new companies and new jobs. It will encourage local enterprise and give more people the flexibility to work from, thereby saving transportation costs.

Additionally this program will foster competition in the open-access networks, which will be connected by the proposed 46 Community Anchor Institutions. Currently this does not exist in these five rural towns and will result in increased choices with possible cost reductions.

We encourage you to consider our Expression of Interest favorably and look forward to hearing from you requesting us to submit a full application.

Sincerely,

The Walpole Selectboard

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We, the Selectboard of the Town of Marlow, NH County of Cheshire, fully support the Expression of Interest being submitted in collaboration with New Hampshire FastRoads in order to expand broadband optical fiber into five of the most rural towns of the county, specifically the towns of Marlow, Langdon, Alstead, Surry and Walpole.

It is extremely important to the Town of Marlow and the County of Cheshire that more residents and businesses have the opportunity to connect directly to a network that will allow them to work more readily from home, seek medical care online, frequently use video conferencing and attend online classes taking place across the country or world. This effort could change the way residents work, play and live their daily lives.

Investing in broadband will help existing businesses to grow, bring innovation and new companies to the area and create new jobs. Increasing broadband coverage in these rural areas will encourage local enterprise and give more people the flexibility to work from home and save transportation costs.

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Sincerely,


Edward Thomas

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