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Mr. Chuck Manto  
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RE: Participation in Support of the RFI from the FCC

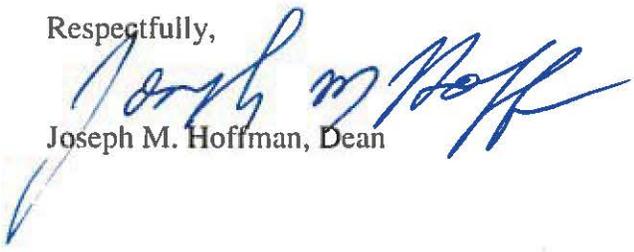
Dear Mr. Manto:

We are writing this letter of support to indicate our willingness to participate in each of the three projects you are planning to co-lead regarding broadband deployment and public safety in the Western Maryland, West Virginia and Pennsylvania rural areas. We appreciate your prior leadership as the lead consultant in rural Maryland broadband studies of 2003 and 2004 and believe that there are still underserved areas that would benefit from the study recommendations made at that time regarding competitive broadband offerings including Internet Protocol based public safety communications.

Your current approaches to further enhance the economic development of these areas through multiple routes, carriers and technologies while providing continued data collection showing the possibility of greater security through micro grid supported and EMP protected communications networks will provide far greater security than currently exists for Internet, phone and "Cloud" services that are highly vulnerable to long-term power outages due to high-impact events such as cyber attacks, extreme space weather and manmade caused electromagnetic pulse.

Instant Access Network's continued and growing involvement with Frostburg State University and Allegany County's Emergency Operations Center with state-of-the-art critical infrastructure could be an example of how the nation's critical infrastructure could be enhanced while leveraging the more secure resources of our nation's relatively remote" rural locations.

Respectfully,

  
Joseph M. Hoffman, Dean