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Sean McLaughlin  
Executive Director  
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Dear Mr. McLaughlin,

The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services strongly supports the Humboldt Community Access Network (HCAN) BTOP grant application. We have a critical need for access to broadband service to help us achieve our core public safety mission. The general lack of sufficient broadband service and the specific prohibitive expense of private sector service offerings, especially in our remote locations, limits our ability to provide appropriate support.

Our need for broadband connectivity promises to be a long-term issue. Not only do more emergency communications—from in-vehicle mobile communications to videoconferencing for emergency and disaster management operations—require broadband, but, the ongoing economic crisis affecting our operations and our community in general means that we will not have a budget for private-sector broadband connectivity in the foreseeable future.

If the HCAN broadband media network is constructed and we are connected to the middle-mile infrastructure, our anticipated broadband service will enable us to:

- Develop and extend robust backbone network capacity to support our land mobile radio systems and remote facilities
- Support transmission of Emergency Alert System communications to remote communities
- Receive distance education and training opportunities at remote locations
- Provide telemetry and secure remote signaling for public safety

Thank you for including the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services as one of your network's community partners. Construction of the network will create important opportunities for us and for the community we serve.

Sincerely,

GARY PHILP, SHERIFF

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