UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
The Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information
Washington, D.C. 20230

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Mr. Todd Staples
Commissioner of Agriculture
The State of Texas
Texas Department of Agriculture
P.O. Box 12847
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Dear Commissioner Staples:

Thank you for your timely and thoughtful comments regarding the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program on behalf of Texas.

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration is working expeditiously to ensure that Recovery Act funds are made available as quickly, transparently, and effectively as possible. We will incorporate your comments into our review process according to the established criteria and procedures. I greatly appreciate you sharing your insight on the project proposals in your state.

Sincerely,

Lawrence E. Strickling

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