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Mr. Rick Rhodes
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Dear Mr. Rhodes:

Thank you for your letter of support on behalf of Texas regarding applications for the second funding round of the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. 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,

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CC: Kelley Stripling, Senior Policy Advisor