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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Chair House Appropriations Committee H-307, The Capitol Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member House Appropriations Committee 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Garrett County, Maryland's Broadband Expansion Project in the Fiscal Year 2022 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Garrett County Government, located at 203 South Fourth Street, Oakland, MD 21550.

If awarded, the funding will be used to expand broadband access and services to largely underserved areas. Specifically, the Broadband Expansion Project would allow for the installation of a 96-strand fiber from Route 135 at Mountain Lake Park, Maryland to Bloomington, Maryland. This project will allow for the connection of more than 270 households, 24 farms, and 17 businesses to internet services. Currently, these homes, farms, and businesses do not have internet access, and without this project, there are no plans for internet service in this area.

I certify that neither I nor any member of my immediate family has any financial interests in this project.

Sincerely,

David Trone

Member of Congress