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Tamarah Holmes, Ph.D.
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Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development
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RE: Support for 2022 VATI Application and Confirmation of Local Match

Dr. Holmes:

This letter will confirm the strong support of the Rappahannock County Broadband Authority (the "RCBBA") for the application to be submitted by the Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission and All Points Broadband, as applicant and co-applicant, respectively, to the 2022 Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (the "VATI Application").

The RCBBA joined this regional initiative through execution of a Memorandum of Understanding by and between Dominion Energy Virginia, All Points Broadband, Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative, Rappahannock Electric Cooperative, the County, and other Participating Localities.

At a joint meeting held on September 7, 2021, the RCBBA and the Rappahannock County Board of Supervisors voted to support and participate in the VATI Application, and authorized a local match commitment of \$5.9 million to be included with the VATI Application.

We appreciate your consideration of this important regional project.

Sincerely,

Debbie P. Donehey

Chair, RCBBA and Board of Supervisors

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