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Attn: Broadband Opportunity Council
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From:
Oregon Broadband Advisory Council
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Dear Sir or Madam:

The Oregon Broadband Advisory Council (OBAC) was created by the Oregon Legislative Assembly to help ensure the implementation of statewide broadband strategies, and serve as a statewide forum for the discussion and exploration of broadband telecommunications issues. The mission of the Council is to encourage coordination and collaboration between organizations and economic sectors to leverage the development and utilization of broadband infrastructure for education, workforce development, government and healthcare, and to promote broadband adoption by citizens and communities.

OBAC believes that access to competitive high-speed IP telecommunication networks and the Internet is becoming essential for America's institutions, businesses and individual citizens. Action is required to ensure that our nation's broadband needs are met and that broadband benefits are realized. OBAC is submitting the following recommendations in response to Broadband Opportunity Council's request for comment (Docket No. 1540414365-5365-01).

- Mandate that federal government agencies incorporate national broadband goals into agency goals, plans and programs
- Create a priority "fast-track" approval process for rights-of-way access and co-use of existing facilities on Federal lands for broadband infrastructure
- Encourage state, local and tribal governments to incorporate broadband into local planning efforts for community and economic development
- Encourage state, local and tribal governments to proactively plan for the migration to the next generation of public safety broadband communications
- Utilize the Universal Service Fund to help bring high-speed broadband infrastructure

to all areas of the nation

- Promote the development of local and statewide strategies to increase and accelerate the adoption and utilization of broadband [see www.oregonbroadbandplanning.org]
- Support efforts at the federal level to standardize the process for physician credentialing to provide telehealth services and provide reimbursement for appropriate health care services delivered via telecommunications
- Promote access for educators and students and to reliable and robust broadband connectivity in both the school and at home
- Promote ongoing professional development for educators to ensure effective quality implementation and utilization of broadband technology and practice in the classroom
- Simplify the application process and reduce the administrative overhead of broadband related funding programs so that eligible applicants may fully utilize and leverage those programs to help meet the nation's broadband needs
- Promote cyber-security of broadband communications systems to mitigate the growing challenge and significant risk exposure facing institutions, businesses and individuals
- Add representation for the states on the BOC
- Establish performance metrics for the deployment, adoption and utilization of broadband

The members of OBAC look forward to supporting the work of the BOC on our many common interests and goals.

Sincerely,

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