

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Eric Schmidt, Ph.D.  
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Dear Dr. Schmidt:

Google will soon be receiving a proposal from the City of Baltimore for consideration as the site for Google's Fiber for Communities experiment. We are writing to draw your attention to the merits of the City's proposal and to urge you to give it every favorable consideration.

We strongly support the City's proposal to bring Google's high-speed internet access to Baltimore and believe that this technology could have a transformative effect on the City and surrounding area. Making ultra-high-speed fiber optic Internet service available to the City's residents, world class medical and academic institutions, and businesses would bolster Baltimore's position as a premier place to live and work and give our City a competitive advantage in a tough economy.

While there are many excellent reasons for choosing Baltimore, we would like to highlight three of them. First, city officials couldn't be more enthusiastic. Baltimore Mayor Stephanie C. Rawlings-Blake has appointed a private sector tech company executive, Tom Loveland of Mind Over Machines, as the "Google czar" to spearhead the City's application. Second, Baltimore is close to Washington so national policy-makers can view firsthand the applications and effects of making a truly revolutionary broadband network available. Third, while it is difficult to predict exactly what will happen once the network is deployed in Baltimore, we are confident that it will have huge positive ramifications for providing health care and education and conducting cutting-edge medical research.

We very much appreciate your attention and your consideration of this matter. Please keep us posted as this award is announced.

Sincerely,



Barbara A. Mikulski  
United States Senator



Benjamin L. Cardin  
United States Senator