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Mr. Kenneth Boswell, Director
Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs
P.O. Box 5690
Montgomery, Alabama 36103-5690

Re: Alabama Broadband Accessibility Fund

Dear Director Boswell:

I am writing to make you aware of the high regard I have for the Alabama Broadband Accessibility Fund Program and with respect to specific application criteria to be met, I convey my support for strong consideration of Comcast's application for a grant to expand broadband access in Mobile County, including the area near Bellingrath Road and Herron Bay.

Although there have been great strides in addressing broadband access in Alabama, connectivity continues to be a common concern across the state – especially in the more rural areas. The grant program administered by ADECA is a key pathway in addressing a challenge which constitutes a barrier to students accessing educational resources and to companies in need of access to broadband to conduct and grow business. Such a grant would allow Comcast to extend its plant in Mobile County and provide advanced services, including gigabit internet speeds, to residents, businesses, and community anchors in unserved areas. This plant extension would provide the same network and capacity that is currently available in other areas of Mobile and Mobile County.

As a thorough review of the Comcast grant application is conducted and knowing the impact that new broadband access would have in the unserved communities of Mobile County from an economic, education, and quality of life perspective, I convey my support for the grant should the appropriate criteria be met.

Respectfully,

Senator David Sessions
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