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Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs
Attn: Maureen Neighbors
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Dear Ms. Neighbors:

I am writing to make you aware of the high regard I have for the Alabama Broadband Accessibility Fund Program and to urge you to strongly consider Comcast's application for a grant to expand broadband access in Dauphin Island.

The lack of broadband access is a common complaint among my constituents. The grant program administered by ADECA is considered a key strategy in addressing a challenge which constitutes a barrier to young children accessing educational resources and to companies in need of access to broadband to conduct and grow business. This grant will allow Comcast to upgrade the plant in Dauphin Island to provide advanced services, including gigabit internet speeds, to all residents, businesses, and community anchors. This upgrade would provide the same network and capacity currently available in Mobile and Mobile County.

I hope your department will give a thorough review to the Comcast application and consider the impact it will have on the rapidly growing community of Dauphin Island from an economic, tourism, education, and quality of life perspective.

Warmest regards,

Representative Chip Brown
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