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To the NH OSI, DoE, and PUC:

Re: NH Rural Broadband Grant under CARES Act, submitted by BFC Computing

The Plainfield New Hampshire Selectboard wishes to express to the grant reviewers our enthusiastic support for the rural broadband grant proposal put forth by BFC Computing of Plainfield.

Should this project be granted, we would reach 100% broadband Internet availability in Plainfield. This would have several positive impacts in our Town. Some of these include:

- * School children would have equal opportunity for education.
- * Citizens may all participate in our Town boards' Zoom meetings, to promote social distancing.
- * Our education professionals would be able to work from their homes.
- * We have both clinicians and elderly residents who are trying to either provide or utilize telehealth services and are not able to effectively.
- * Our residents who have the ability to work remotely from their employer but lack access would be able to work from home, helping with virus-spread mitigation.
- * Our residents who have lost their jobs would have increased opportunities for work, leading to a positive impact on economic development.
- * Businesses in Town would have greatly expanded opportunities for their ability to engage a wider Internet audience.

Plainfield currently has approximately 160 households without access to broadband Internet, which has become a critical resource in our CoVID-19 Pandemic Response. The Selectboard strongly support this effort to provide our residents with this critical resource.

Signed on behalf of the Plainfield Selectboard,


Stephen Halleran
Town Administrator