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Jim Moorehead, Chair  
Broadband Alliance of Mendocino County  
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Dear Chair Moorehead:

Thank you for the opportunity to congratulate the Broadband Alliance of Mendocino County's efforts to increase internet connectivity to so many underserved rural residents. I support your efforts for the Northern California Middle Mile Infrastructure concept design plan.

As the congressional representative for more than 300 miles of rural northwestern coastal California I am keenly aware of the need for universal broadband access. The issues of safety, education, social connection and the economy are all affected by the lack of connectivity by thousands of my constituents and your neighbors.

I appreciate the BAMC's energetic and proactive activities and endorse your submission for this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Thompson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mike" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Thompson".

**MIKE THOMPSON**  
Member of Congress

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