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January 9, 2013

Michael Amato, Interim Director California Advanced Serviced Fund California Public Utilities Commission 505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Director Amato:

I am writing to express my support for the application for funding made by the Golden Bear Broadband LLC for a broadband infrastructure grant.

Funding from the California Advance Services Fund (CASF) will be put to use implementing the Northern California Regional Middle Mile Infrastructure Project which will provide much needed broadband infrastructure across sixteen rural counties. All of these counties are in my district, with the exception of Lake County, which was recently taken out of the newly redrawn district. These are counties that are severely unserved and underserved with regard to broadband connectivity.

Included in this project is the Route 1 Coast plan which will provide a vital broadband infrastructure link to the 101 corridor. This is so important to these rural areas on all levels related to health, educat on, as well as the economy.

I urge you to approve funding for this most worthwhile project. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully.

WESLEY CHESBRO 2<sup>nd</sup> Assembly District

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cc: Steve Sharpe, Department Analyst, Sonoma County Economic Development Board

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