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The Honorable Anna Eshoo
U.S. House of Representatives
241 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Eshoo:

Thank you for your letter regarding a proposal by the California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF) to implement the National Broadband Plan in California. I appreciate your views and I assure you of my willingness to work with CETF and other organizations as we strive to expand broadband deployment and adoption in California and across the nation. CETF CEO Susan Wright McPeak has shared her views and proposals with my staff, and we look forward to continuing our dialogue on ways to close the digital divide in America.

As I have made clear since the day I arrived at the Commission, one of the core elements of communications policy that must guide the work of the FCC is the critical need for all Americans to have access to high-speed broadband networks. Access denied is opportunity denied. I look forward to continuing to work with all stakeholders as we continue to reform the universal service components, including our efforts to modernize the E-rate program for a 21st century education, enhancing our Lifeline program reforms, and moving forward with the second phase of the Connect America Fund to ensure that all Americans, including those living in rural areas and on Tribal lands, have access to robust voice and broadband services.

I appreciate your interest in this matter. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom Wheeler". The signature is stylized and fluid, with the first name "Tom" and last name "Wheeler" clearly distinguishable.

Tom Wheeler