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Tamarah Holmes  
Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development  
600 East Main Street, Suite 300  
Richmond, VA 23219

Re: Virginia Telecommunication Initiative  
Delivery of Technology – Culpeper, Orange, Madison Project (DOT COM)

Dear Dr. Holmes,

I am writing to confirm the support of Madison County for the application submitted by Culpeper, Madison and Orange Counties, along with Virginia Broadband. The project is known as “DOT COM” will allow Culpeper, Madison, and Orange Counties to install a necessary fiber middle mile route along James Madison Highway extending 18 miles through three counties. The project will serve schools, vocational training facilities, businesses, healthcare facilities, state agencies, and homes. The project will also allow Orange County to utilize a fiber route recently constructed connecting every Orange County school and every Orange County public safety tower. An upgrade to the wireless infrastructure along the route will increase access to homeowners and home-based businesses in Culpeper County who are located in areas designated as unserved and underserved by the FCC.

As I understand it, the goal of VATI is to create strong, competitive communities throughout the Commonwealth by preparing those communities to build, utilize, and capitalize on telecommunications infrastructure. This project is an innovative regional collaboration that will help the Commonwealth achieve those goals.

Please know that many in Madison County consider this project the best next step for installing broadband infrastructure in Madison County. Thank you in advance for your positive consideration of the proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack Hobbs". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jack Hobbs  
County Administrator