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February 18, 2025

Dr. Tamarah Holmes
Director, Office of Broadband
Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development
600 East Main Street, Suite 300
Richmond, VA 23219

RE: Support for Cox Communications BEAD Application

Dear Dr. Holmes:

I am writing in support of the Cox Communications BEAD (Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment) application.

Access to reliable broadband internet is more crucial now than ever before. The BEAD program plays a vital role in bridging the digital divide and ensuring equitable access to high-speed internet services. Cox Communications is well-equipped to execute these initiatives effectively and efficiently; for more than 45 years they have demonstrated their commitment to advanced technology by investing significantly in network upgrades to deliver exceptional high-speed internet performance. Additionally, Cox has a proven track record of partnering with community leadership and organizations to educate individuals about affordability programs and digital equity resources, including Cox Connect2Compete, ConnectAssist, and the Cox Digital Academy.

With their BEAD program application, Cox Communications further demonstrates their dedication to promoting digital equity and empowering un-and-underserved individuals and communities through connectivity.

Thank you for your continued efforts to improve digital access and equity.

Sincerely,

Sheila S. Noll
Chairman
York County Board of Supervisors

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