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Ms. Deb Socia
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Dear Ms. Socia:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology on July 22, 2015, to testify at the hearing entitled "Promoting Broadband Infrastructure Investment."

Pursuant to the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the hearing record remains open for ten business days to permit Members to submit additional questions for the record, which are attached. The format of your responses to these questions should be as follows: (1) the name of the Member whose question you are addressing, (2) the complete text of the question you are addressing in bold, and (3) your answer to that question in plain text.

To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please respond to these questions with a transmittal letter by the close of business on Monday, September 28, 2015. Your responses should be mailed to Greg Watson, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 and e-mailed in Word format to Greg.Watson@mail.house.gov.

Thank you again for your time and effort preparing and delivering testimony before the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,



Greg Walden
Chairman
Subcommittee on Communications and Technology

cc: Anna Eshoo, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology

Attachment

Attachment—Additional Questions for the Record

The Honorable Greg Walden

1. When do you recommend that a municipality build out its own network? What are the factors under consideration? What does your coalition generally recommend when it comes to improving access to broadband access?
2. Ms. Socia, you discussed two rural towns that are now offering 1 GB services in your statement. Could you describe their model for long-term sustainability? Could you discuss how they plan to continue investing in the network in order to maintain and keep pace with the technology?

The Honorable Gus Bilirakis

1. Ms. Socia, you have been successful in organizing many stakeholders together to focus on providing affordable, fast internet to communities across the country. I have a lot of rural communities in my district, what's been the most effective tool in your experience to facilitate broadband deployment? Are there any successful, mature networks that rural communities can model buildout policies after?