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Ms. Johanna Shelton
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Dear Ms. Shelton:

I strongly support the applications from Alaskan communities for Google's Fiber for Communities project. We are ready and able to meet the challenge presented by Google through its offer to award a 1-gigabit internet connection infrastructure project to one U.S. community. Alaskan communities provide suitable market sizes for the project's aim, and Google has the opportunity to make a significant benefit on a per-capita basis.

I would like to recognize the strong grass-roots support within Alaskan communities for this project. Alaska has a high penetration of computers and access to broadband, and there are unique opportunities to develop and adopt innovative internet applications. Should Google award the project in Alaska, it would bring with it not only a much welcome economic boost, but also significant benefits to all Alaskans life through wider access to resources and community connectivity statewide.

Alaska is a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family. I urge you to fully consider the applications from Alaskan communities and hope to welcome Google to my state.

Sincerely,



Lisa Murkowski
United States Senator