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CAUTION: EXTERNAL EMAIL*

Good morning Ms. English,

I hope this email finds you well.

I am writing to you in hopes of being able to receive an updated letter of support.

The objective of the new grant remains the same, except that this grant is called differently. The purpose of the ***National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Connecting Minority Communities Pilot Program*** is to realize the potential of HBCU, TCU, and MSI institutions that will aid in America's economic development, growth of social capital, and increase productivity. The mission is to foster robust broadband access, connectivity and adoption. If we are awarded this grant, we will be receiving broadband networking capability, hardware, software, and other digital technology for broadband services, remote education, and distance learning. This grant would also fund equipment and devices such as laptops, tablets, hotspots, etc. to support connectivity for remote education in Douglas and Thatcher.

Please let me know if you would like to meet to further discuss details. I have attached the letter of support you wrote for us last year for your convenience. We would appreciate it very much if you could make the necessary changes to the letter so we can resubmit.

Thank you so much for all your support.

Best,



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