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

Dear Dr. Holmes:

I am providing this VATI Application Notice to notify the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development that the Central Virginia Planning District Commission, in partnership with one or more private internet service providers, may submit an application for the FY2024 Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI).

Even after the 2022 and 2023 VATI grant awards, there are sporadic areas in Central Virginia without broadband and/or with cost-prohibitive long drops to connect. Therefore, the CVPDC intends to explore submittal of an application on behalf of its member local governments of Bedford County, Campbell County, and the Town of Appomattox to complete the effort to achieve universal broadband coverage. Furthermore, the CVPDC will explore additional opportunities for regional partnerships to strengthen this application.

I will be the main point of contact for the purposes of application and can be reached at <u>alec.brebner@cvpdc.org</u> as well as with the contact information at the head of this letter.

CVPDC understands this VATI Application Notice is required to submit an application for the 2024 Virginia Telecommunication Initiative and that this notice is not binding on the entity represented by the undersigned or the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development.

Sincerely,

Alec Brebner, AICP - Executive Director