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Mr. Mark Vasconi
Director – Washington State Broadband Office
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Dear Mr. Vasconi,

We write in support of Whatcom Public Utility District's Fiber-To-the-Premise (FTTP) grant proposal. This funding would allow them to build in the Point Roberts community, increasing fiber connectivity for these unserved and underserved constituents. Additionally, Whatcom County has committed up to \$350,000 dollars in matching funds for the project. This complies with WSBO's grant requirement to provide a 10% match of the overall budgeted project costs.

Broadband connectivity remains a priority for us at the County. This requested funding would bring fiber to the door of many in-need community members. We are thankful to Whatcom PUD for undertaking this important work in Whatcom County.

We appreciate your time and ask that you give full support and fair consideration to Whatcom PUD's FTTP application.

Sincerely,

Satpal Sidhu
Whatcom County Executive