

February 1, 2021

The Honorable Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
45 L Street NE
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Secretary Dortch,

On behalf of the City of Huntington Beach, I write to thank the Federal Communications Commission for the work it does to ensure needy families have quality internet access. I also applaud the FCC's efforts to design and implement the upcoming Emergency Broadband Benefit Program and the FCC to structure the program in a way that will incorporate municipal contributions and strengths to identify and qualify the greatest number of eligible lower-income households in our communities.

The City of Huntington Beach and the Huntington Beach City School District have had great success in our partnership with a local broadband provider to ensure all students and their families have internet access at home throughout the pandemic. To do this, the provider helps deliver students and their families with 100 percent free hotspots. We believe these types of innovative programs should be incorporated into the service reimbursement criteria in this new program.

Based on our experience, we believe local, qualified providers will be excellent partners in this endeavor. However, should obstacles arise, local governments are often at the fulcrum of major business and government decisions and can help identify paths forward or give access to data crucial to decision-making. We encourage the FCC to establish local governments as partners in the implementation of the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program, allowing local governments the flexibility to address any problems that may arise.

We thank you for setting up such a much-needed program and are excited to incorporate it on the ground in Huntington Beach, California.

Sincerely,

Kim Carr
Mayor of Huntington Beach, California

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