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**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

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Agenda Item No.: 21 (19-805)

RE: Broadband, Wireless, and Transportation Infrastructure Technology Ad-Hoc Committee

Dear Mayor Peterson and Members of the Huntington Beach City Council:

As we work to bring cities into the 21st Century, the need to support a variety of applications, ensure increased coverage and bandwidth, and address capacity concerns place demands on existing infrastructure and signal the need to shift to forward-thinking solutions. Increasing our understanding of how cities can augment, advance, and implement smart broadband, wireless, and transportation infrastructure will encourage economic growth and help local businesses expand. In considering the future of work, enhanced communications infrastructure, including fiber-optic infrastructure, present technologically advanced solutions to modern day challenges.

As a member of Congress, I am focused on common-sense, bipartisan solutions that serve the interests of California's 48th congressional district. Advancing high-speed broadband network technologies to ensure the connectivity of homes, businesses, and essential services in our communities is among my priorities. Once deployed, fiber optic infrastructure is a cost-efficient way to keep pace with the exponential demands and consumption of the various connection points and services present in the everyday lives of Americans. With centuries of innovation and advancement behind us, America is no stranger to a challenge; transitioning our infrastructure to ensure greater connectivity and access is an important step in the right direction.

I appreciate the Huntington Beach Planning Commission and Huntington Beach City Council's continued work to advance forward-thinking approaches to infrastructure, including the recommendation for the formation of an ad hoc committee to review policy and outline goals for broadband, technology, and transportation improvements in the City. Efforts to study relevant proposals and think holistically about the future of business, communication, and work reflect a much-needed emphasis on technological advancements that will ensure that Huntington Beach and Orange County remain places for economic opportunity and prosperity.

These views help inform my work as a member of Congress, and I welcome opportunities to engage on issues and work toward meaningful solutions to infrastructure challenges alongside the City of Huntington Beach.

Sincerely,



Harley Rouda
Member of Congress