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March 10, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling, Assistant Secretary
Communications and Information Administrator
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
US Department of Commerce/NTIA
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Washington, DC 20230

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

Broadband service represents a fundamental building block in the development of Ohio's future economy. Just as roads, rivers, rail and electric service were essential to the creation of a thriving national economy, access to high speed networks will be critical to compete in 21st century global markets.

To ensure Ohio workers and businesses can effectively compete in world markets, access to superior, yet affordable broadband services must be available everywhere. Governor Strickland established Connect Ohio in December 2007 with that goal in mind. Ohio has made a significant investment to establish our Connect Ohio program. Through those efforts, we now have up-to-date broadband availability mapping and research on broadband adoption and use available to guide our efforts, but our work is not done.

The State recently renewed its contract with Connect Ohio through the next fiscal biennium (June 2011). Unfortunately, due to fiscal constraints, the State was not able to fund the program as originally intended. Connect Ohio is seeking NTIA grant funding in order to fully support efforts in the areas of sustainable adoption and public computing. Ohio Public Adoption through Libraries project would serve to extend the State's vision for a broadband enabled state.

We value the opportunity to participate in the BTOP Sustainable Broadband Adoption program in this way, and urge you to consider fully funding this important initiative.

Sincerely,

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Katrina B. Flory
Administrator



March 5, 2010

Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
C/O Tom Fritz
Connect Ohio
232 North Third Street, Suite 201
Columbus, OH 43215

Regarding: Connect Ohio Adoption through Public Libraries project

In order to bring necessary education, job creation, health information, delivery of government services, and a variety of social benefits to our citizens, it is critical that sufficient access to broadband services be widely available. Libraries are critical to providing these services to citizens without access to broadband at home.

In addition, libraries help the community understand and make full use of the benefits of broadband by providing an adequate supply of computers, curriculum to ensure effective use, and a program which will help citizens to adopt broadband as an integral part of their daily lives.

The State Library of Ohio and Connect Ohio, a non-profit public-private partnership established by the Governor of Ohio to promote the benefits and use of broadband have formed a partnership to increase the number of Public Access Computers available to library patrons and to ensure the delivery of curriculum and training to these patrons. Connect Ohio's Adoption through Public Libraries project will enable this by providing training, technical support, public awareness, and a coherent strategy that can be executed statewide. Connect Ohio's application will provide more than 100 new training jobs and produce over 200,000 incremental connected households in Ohio over the next two years, if funded.

By providing a sufficient supply of modern computers, the State Library of Ohio's Public Access through Libraries project will enable Ohio libraries to offer many of the benefits of broadband to their patrons. A recent survey conducted among library patrons statewide concluded that fewer than 40% of the users at the libraries have broadband at home. This meets the NTIA's definition of underserved population, and it is clear that the access to broadband at the library meets a vital public need.

The State Library of Ohio fully supports Connect Ohio's Adoption through Public Libraries project application. By making stimulus funds available through it and the State Library's Public Access through Libraries project we expect that great strides will be made statewide towards serving the public computing needs of Ohio residents. The increased capacity will not only result in greater adoption of broadband and its benefits, but will also provide needed access to government services, broader markets, job seeking tools, and social benefits to all Ohioans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Melissa B. Lodge".

Melissa B. Lodge
Interim State Librarian
State Library of Ohio

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March 5, 2010

Tom Fritz
Executive Director
Connect Ohio
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Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Mr. Fritz:

I am writing on behalf of the Ohio Public Library Information Network (OPLIN) to express support for Connect Ohio's proposal for a federal stimulus grant under the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) from the Dept. of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Round 2: Sustainable Broadband Adoption.

I understand Connect Ohio's project is titled "Ohio Public Adoption through Libraries, part II program (OPAL II)," which collaborates with the State Library of Ohio, whose project is titled "Ohio Public Access through Libraries, part I program (OPAL I)." The intent of OPAL II is to provide the training, technical support, and public awareness campaign that will ensure that citizens are able to use the workstations purchased through OPAL I to learn not only how to use broadband technology, but about its value in their lives. In addition to having ready access to broadband in a public place, computer users can complete a basic slate of curriculum which will help them to see the economic, social, and educational benefits of broadband clearly and to apply this value to their everyday lives in the forms of better education, healthcare, communication, and access to government services.

As the state agency charged with maintaining Internet connections for the public library systems of Ohio, OPLIN is well aware that many of the users of public computing in libraries would benefit greatly from a program like OPAL II. Throughout the recent economic downturn, libraries across Ohio have been overwhelmed by an unprecedented demand for public computers. Much of this demand has been driven by the needs of job seekers; many new job seekers go to public libraries for introductory computer training, help with job searches, assistance with online applications, guidance in developing resumes and much more. This increased demand for community computer access in public libraries has also been driven by increased

reliance on the Internet to deliver assistance from social service agencies and federal, state and local governments.

Connect Ohio's proposed project will allow public libraries to go one step beyond their current services to those in need of an Internet computer; it will provide computer users with the training and the incentives they need to assess and appreciate the value of having broadband access at home. It will also stimulate the small businesses that currently use the Internet sporadically at the library. More and more of our economy is based on small businesses which will be increasingly dependent on access to broadband, computer equipment and the training to understand how to effectively use these tools to expand their business.

OPLIN provides Internet access bandwidth and circuit capacity to each Ohio public library system proportional to the library system's needs. We look forward to working with the local libraries participating in this project by continuing to provide high-quality broadband to the beneficiaries of the OPAL I and OPAL II projects. We hope that our support of this project is mirrored by support from the BTOP.

Sincerely,

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Stephen Hedges
Director

Office of the President



March 9, 2010

Mr. Tom Fritz
Executive Director
Connect Ohio
232 N 3rd ST Suite 201
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Mr. Fritz:

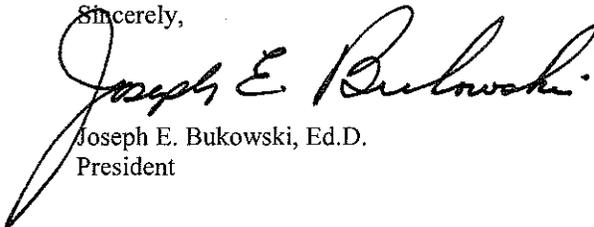
Belmont Technical College (BTC) acknowledges the public need for broadband training, support, and awareness in order to promote and ensure sustained adoption of broadband services. BTC is currently in need of laptop/desktop computers to meet the remaining public demand for broadband in its three county service area: Harrison, Belmont, and Monroe.

Belmont Technical College wishes to indicate its support of Connect Ohio's application for a statewide grant for the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) funds for 215 laptop/desktop computers. To support the cause further, Belmont Technical College will provide matching funds of at least \$125 each, for up to 215 computers granted to Connect Ohio for a total of approximately \$26,875.

In addition, BTC wishes to support Connect Ohio in its application for a statewide grant for the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) funds for sustainable adoption of broadband through training, support services, and public awareness. Training for our three-county service area will be provided by our institution; BTC will contribute matching funds of \$18,657 for training to support Connect Ohio's *Public Adoption through Libraries project* as well as \$2,243 for public awareness through marketing.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 740.695.9500. We look forward to providing support for our public libraries as well as Connect Ohio in its endeavor to provide public access to broadband connectivity to all citizens of Ohio.

Sincerely,



Joseph E. Bukowski, Ed.D.
President



M. Valeriana Moeller, Ph.D.

PRESIDENT

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March 12, 2010

Tom Fritz
Executive Director
Connect Ohio
232 N. 3rd Street
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Dear Mr. Fritz:

I writing in support of the federal grant for the NTIA's BTOP (Broadband Technology Opportunities Program) program submitted by Connect Ohio.

I believe that this grant can assist many in Franklin County become computer literate and provide them skills to navigate the internet for job opportunities.

Columbus State is committed to providing 5,000 hours of training in this program. I understand that we can use our curriculum if it is appropriate and that we will receive funds for the cost of training. We will also receive funds for computers if they are necessary to provide training. These funds are at the rate of \$21 an hour for instruction with a college match of at least \$9 and that for a computer of \$600 or higher that we will receive \$475.

I look forward to working with you in making our community more computer literate and able to access electronically job opportunities.

Cordially,

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M. Valeriana Moeller
President

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Akron-Summit County Public Library

60 S. High Street, Akron, Ohio 44326 330.643.9000

David Jennings, Director

March 10, 2010

The Akron-Summit County Public Library supports the Connect Ohio-State Library project and is willing to provide our computer training curriculum to other libraries across the state of Ohio.

Sincerely,

Ann Hutchison
Technology Director
Akron-Summit County Public Library

Beginning HTML, Part 1: The Basics ♦

Learn how the Internet and Web Pages interact, and find out what you need to do to create a Web site of your own. Then discover the basics of HTML code that will start you on the journey to create a Web site. *Experience with the Internet is required.*

Beginning HTML, Part 2: Digging Deeper ♦

Build on your knowledge of basic HTML code and continue to create your web pages. Tips and tricks for refining your pages will be forthcoming. *Attendance at Beginning HTML, Part 1 is required.*

Blogs & RSS Feeds ♦

Have you ever wondered what a “blog” is? What about an RSS feed? Learn about these new communication forms, find some blogs and news sites to read, and learn how to use this technology. *Experience with the Internet is required.*

Exploring eBay Buying – Basics on Bidding ♦

Heard about the deals on eBay? Everyone’s making millions except you? Come to this 120 minute hands-on class. You will learn the basics of searching and bidding (buying). You will also learn tips on shipping, feedback, and much more. *Experience with E-Mail and Internet is mandatory.*

Exploring eBay Selling – Basics on Selling ♦

In this class you will learn basics on selling and how to research before setting the price of your selling item(s), how to get paid, or decide which selling formats and promotional tools suit your situation. *Attendance at Exploring eBay Buying – Basics on Bidding is required.*

Government & Legal Information ♦

This class offers practical techniques to find information on 1) your local government information – Municipal Code, Sheriff’s Sex Offenders list, Sheriff’s Sales, Real Estate Records, and Court Records; 2) Statewide information – Unclaimed Funds, Vital and Prison Records; 3) Consumer information – Recalls, Scams and much more; 4) Reference USA – a database from ASCPL that contains 120 million U.S. Households and 14 million U.S. Businesses among other things. *Attendance at Internet, Part 1&2 is preferred.*

Internet Travel Planning ♦

Planning a trip in the near future? Consider planning that trip yourself and putting those cost savings in your pocket instead of someone else’s. Come and learn how to find last minute discounts by using search engines and Web directories; how to see where your seat on the plane will be **before** you even board; and how to “see” your destination **before** you ever travel there! *Experience with Internet, Part 1&2 is preferred.*

Mail Merge ♦

Learn how to create letters, labels and envelopes for mass mailings. Learn how to create address lists to facilitate this process using Microsoft Excel. Ideal for Christmas cards, weddings, family reunion letters, and more! Microsoft Word 2007 will be demonstrated in class. *Some experience with Microsoft Word and Excel is required.*

Open Lab

Come with your questions! Come to practice what you’ve learned in class! Open lab time is an opportunity to work on computers in the lab with an instructor present to answer any questions you may have.



Akron-Summit County Public Library Computer Training PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

330.643.9145 www.akronlibrary.org/training

Please see the *Computer Training Schedule* brochure for class dates and times.

Skill Level Key:

- **Beginner levels in red.**
- ★ **Intermediate levels in purple.**
- ♦ **Advanced levels in green.**

Introduction to Computers: The Basics □

Get acquainted with computers and our training series! Discover the differences between hardware and software; learn about storage devices and other computer components and explore the Windows operating system.

Computer Mouse Skills for Beginners □

Discover what a computer mouse is and have fun practicing basic mouse functions with in-class exercises. Learn to open and close software programs and play a game or two! *Attendance at Introduction to Computers is preferred.*

Microsoft Windows for Beginners □

Learn basic functions of the Windows operating system that enable you to create, save, close and open files. Practice using various Windows components, such as working with multiple windows and using menus. *Attendance at Computer Mouse Skills and Introduction to Computers is preferred.*

Typing □

Are you a hunt and peck typist or would you just like to improve your typing speed? This class will teach you the basics of typing through a series of very basic exercises. Proper keying position and technique will be stressed.

File Management ★

Learn to use Windows Explorer, your computer’s filing cabinet, to organize and manage your files and folders. During class, you will practice copying, moving and deleting items as well as using your recycle bin. *Attendance at Windows for Beginners is preferred.*

Basic Computer Maintenance ★

Is your computer running slower and slower everyday? Is your computer’s memory running low? Has the “N” key on your keyboard stopped working? Learn how to perk up your machine, dispose of unneeded files, and more, with basic maintenance tools in Windows XP. *Attendance at Windows for Beginners or equivalent experience is preferred.*

Computer Buying Guide ★

Looking to buy a computer? This class will cover the basics on what to look for when purchasing a new computer or laptop.

Computer Security ★

Are you afraid to use your computer for fear of getting a worm, horse or parasite? Learn about computer viruses and how to protect your machine. Learn best practices on avoiding infection and how to keep your computer “vaccinated” with anti-virus software. *Attendance at Windows for Beginners or equivalent experience is preferred.*

Interpretive services are available. Please inquire.



E-mail Basics, Part 1: Read, Respond, Write, and Print ★

Learn how to use the basic features of an e-mail account by using the Yahoo! e-mail service to communicate quickly and conveniently with friends, family and colleagues. Tips for printing messages will also be demonstrated. *Attendance at Internet, Part 1 or prior Internet experience is preferred.*

E-mail Basics, Part 2: Message Management ★

Learn how to attach files to outgoing messages and open incoming attachments. Organize your list of contacts using an Address Book. Learn how to create folders for filing messages. *Experience using an e-mail account or attendance at E-mail Basics, Part 1 is required. Yahoo! Mail will be demonstrated in class.*

Internet, Part 1: An Introduction ★

Learn how to access the Internet in the library and from your home computer. During class, you will practice basic Internet searching using web directories and search engines. *Attendance at Windows for Beginners is preferred.*

Internet, Part 2: Searching, Printing and Favorites ★

Learn how to make better use of search engine features for more successful Internet searching. Practice saving your favorite Web sites and printing Internet content. *Attendance at Internet, Part 1 or prior Internet experience is preferred.*

Internet, Part 3: Beyond Searching ★

Now that you know how to search for information, it's time to discover what else the Internet is used for. Topics covered include weather, movies, driving directions, games and finding cheap gas. *Attendance at Internet, Part 1 or prior Internet experience is preferred.*

Internet, Part 4: Even More Useful Sites ★

Continued from **Internet, Part 3**, topics covered include shopping, news, social networking, e-cards, and image searches. *Attendance at Internet, Part 1 or prior Internet experience is preferred.*

Introduction to Digital Cameras ★

Learn more about digital cameras. A discussion of basic vocabulary and an introduction to the equipment will give you a greater understanding of this exciting new technology. *No experience or camera required.*

Go Google ★

Now that you have an understanding of how the Internet works. Let's take a look at Google and see what fun things it has to offer. You can begin by customizing the look of your Google page but the fun doesn't stop there. You can store pictures, email, read blogs, look at maps, shop, and so much more. You must have a Google account which can be obtained from www.google.com. *Attendance at Internet, Part 1 or prior Internet experience is preferred.*

Library Catalog 101 ★

Want to be able to check your library card from home? Want to place the newest and most interesting items on hold? Want to opt in and track your reading history? Want to renew your books, but the Library is closed? Discover the possibilities with the new library catalog, akronlibrary.org. *Attendance at Internet, Part 1 or prior Internet experience is preferred.*

MS Word, Part 1: Creating/Editing Documents ★

Discover how to create word processing documents using Microsoft Word 2007. Learn various editing features that allow you to effectively revise documents. Explore ways to quickly copy and move text. Practice preparing files using Word's document templates to begin documents. *Attendance at Microsoft Windows for Beginners is preferred.*

MS Word, Part 2: Formatting Text & Paragraphs ◆

Make your document stand out! Explore the different ways to change how text looks. Learn how to change the style and effect of text. Discover additional formatting techniques that can be applied to document paragraphs. *Attendance at MS Word, Part 1 is preferred.*

MS Excel, Part 1: Creating Workbooks ◆

Learn how to create basic workbook files using Microsoft Excel 2007. Discover how to organize data more efficiently using spreadsheets. *Attendance at MS Word, Part 1 is preferred.*

MS Excel, Part 2: Formatting and Setting Up Workbooks ◆

Discover how to setup a workbook to meet your informational needs. Practice the different ways to duplicate, move, and edit data. *Attendance at MS Excel, Part 1 is preferred.*

MS Excel, Part 3: Using Formulas ◆

Let Excel do the math for you! Practice creating and applying formulas to your worksheets. *Attendance at MS Excel, Part 2 is preferred.*

MS Excel, Part 4: Custom Tools for Worksheets ◆

Experience the advanced features associated with Excel. Learn how to maximize your data with these helpful tools. *Attendance at MS Excel, Part 3 is preferred.*

MS Excel, Part 5: Advanced Custom Tools for Worksheets ◆

Experience the more advanced features associated with Excel. Learn how to link data among many workbooks. Set up a shared-workbook with appropriate protection levels and create a drop-down list. *Attendance at MS Excel, Part 3 & 4 is preferred.*

MS Excel, Pivot Tables

Do you want to know how to make large, complex sets of data more comprehensible and easier to understand at a glance? Come to this course to learn when you have a large amount of data to sum and you want to compare several facts about each figure. *Attendance at MS Excel 3, 4 & 5 is preferred.*

MS PowerPoint, Part 1: The Basics ◆

Learn how to create and present slideshow presentations for work, school, or personal use with PowerPoint 2007. *Attendance at Windows for Beginners is preferred.*

MS PowerPoint, Part 2: Notes, Links, & Graphics ◆

Learn how to use PowerPoint's advanced features to customize your presentations. *Experience with using PowerPoint or attendance at PowerPoint, Part 1 is preferred.*

MS PowerPoint, Part 3: Advanced Features ◆

Advanced features covered include photo album shows, automation, animation, more with backgrounds, charts, and other miscellaneous items. *Experience with using PowerPoint or attendance at PowerPoint, Part 2 is preferred.*

MS Publisher, Part 1: The Basics ◆

Create business cards, greeting cards, flyers, and more! Learn the basics of creating professional looking publications with Publisher 2007, Microsoft's desktop publishing program. *Attendance at Windows for Beginners is preferred.*

MS Publisher, Part 2: Advanced Features ◆

Explore Publisher's more advanced features as you create a two-page newsletter. Distributing your publication via e-mail and the Internet will be discussed. *Attendance at Publisher, Part 1 is preferred.*

MS Publisher, Part 3: More Advanced Features ◆

Develop a tri-fold brochure as you continue to delve into Publisher. Included is how to use Mail Merge to distribute your publication. *Attendance at Publisher, Part 1 is preferred.*

Basic Website Creation ◆

Learn the steps involved in building a website, and then create a basic one of your own in class using a wizard and step-by-step class instruction. *If possible, please go to www.gmail.com and sign up for an account prior to class. Attendance at Internet, Parts 1 & 2 or prior Internet experience is preferred.*

CENTRAL OHIO TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Office of the President
Bonnie L. Coe, Ph.D.

March 12, 2010

Mr. Tom Fritz, Executive Director
Connect Ohio

Dear Tom,

This letter should serve as our intent to participate in the Ohio Adoption through Public Libraries Project through Connect Ohio. Central Ohio Technical College serves the community college district of Licking, Coshocton and Knox counties. We are aware of the on-going need to provide the citizens in these counties with much needed computer skills. We therefore, commit to this outstanding opportunity. We request the following for our district:

- Licking County – We request 700 training hours and 20 computers to assist the residents of the county. While we do not have a specific location currently selected to offer the training, COTC has been in the process of identifying a suitable facility to offer the training. We commit to having a suitable training facility and computer lab for the county if these grant funds are made available.
- Coshocton County – We request 900 training hours and 20 computers to assist the residents of the county. While we do not have a specific location currently selected to offer the training, COTC has been in the process of identifying a suitable facility to offer the training. We commit to having a suitable training facility and computer lab for the county if these grant funds are made available.
- Knox County – We request 1400 training hours and 20 computers to assist the residents of the county. While we do not have a specific location currently selected to offer the training, COTC has been in the process of identifying a suitable facility to offer the training. We commit to having a suitable training facility and computer lab for the county if these grant funds are made available.

COTC is eager to provide training and assistance to the communities within our district. The matching fund requirements for the hardware would total \$7,500 and the training requirement would total approximately \$27,000. We are committed to the matching fund requirements for this exciting project.

Thank you for this wonderful opportunity to enhance our Community College District. I look forward to working with you to enhance the educational opportunities to our citizens.

Sincerely,



Bonnie L. Coe, PhD
President

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...Helping Schools Help Children in Tuscarawas, Carroll, Harrison and Belmont Counties...

March 12, 2010

To whom it may concern:

The East Central Ohio Educational Service Center will be partnering with Connect Ohio in order to provide 2000 hours of training and training spaces for the period of 2 years. The ECOESC will be purchasing 20 computers with which to conduct this training and will be requesting funds of \$475 per computer, at a cost of \$9500. The ECOESC will be matching the computer purchase price for a match total of \$4280.

The ECOESC will provide a staff member to offer training to the Tuscarawas County community during business hours. The ECOESC will be requesting 2000 hours of service from the grant at a cost of \$21 per hour. This totals \$42,000 for the 2 year delivery period. During that time, the ECOESC will provide matching funds of \$9 per hour, at a cost to the ESC of \$18,000.

We look forward, as an Educational Service Center, to providing training for the community and citizens in which we reside.

For Licking County Training – ECOESC representing and providing fiscal services:

Licking Area Computer Association (LACA) will be providing 500 training hours in a computer lab space. LACA agrees to provide a trainer at a cost of \$30 per hour, with grant funds being requested to cover \$21 per hour, at a total cost of \$10,500. To accomplish this training, LACA is requesting 30 computers. LACA is requesting grant funds in the amount of \$14,250 to cover 30 computers, and will be matching that purchase cost at a total match of \$6420.

The ECOESC and LACA have an existing partnership, and will utilize this partnership to provide continued training throughout this project.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Brown
Director of Technology



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Chillicothe Campus

March 9, 2010

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Tom Fritz
Executive Director
Connect Ohio 323 North 3rd Street, suite 201
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Dear Mr. Fritz:

Ohio University-Chillicothe will partner with you in the Connect Ohio proposal to the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. The University acknowledges the public need for broadband training and support and an awareness in order to promote and ensure sustained adoption of broadband services.

Ohio University-Chillicothe will provide matching funds with Connect Ohio by providing at least \$125 for each hardware purchase to implement the training, technical support, and public awareness in Pickaway County, Ross County, Perry, Vinton, Hocking, and northern Jackson counties. The estimated need of computers for the training in the six counties would be 310 computers with some equipped with projection monitor (LPDC Projector) to aid in the instructional process. The hardware will be purchased over a two year period.

Ohio University-Chillicothe understands that for each training hour for the six modules, the University receives \$30 of which \$9 is our match for the grant and will be deducted from the reimbursement. The University will provide 4,400 hours of Ohio Connects approved training modules in the six counties assigned to the University.

The Ohio University-Chillicothe campus welcomes the opportunity to work with individuals who need to learn to access broadband services.

Sincerely,

Richard Bebee, Ph.D.
Dean, Chillicothe Campus



UNIVERSITY OF
RIO GRANDE
& RIO GRANDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

March 12, 2010

Mr. Tom Fritz
Executive Director
Connect Ohio

Dear Tom:

Please let this serve as a letter of intent for Rio Grande Community College to participate in the Ohio Adoption through Public Libraries Project - Connect Ohio. Rio Grande Community College serves the Community College district of Gallia, Jackson, Meigs and Vinton Counties. We are aware of the on-going need to provide the citizens in these counties with much-needed computer skills. We therefore commit to this outstanding opportunity. We request the following for our district.

- Vinton County - We request 400 training hours and 20 computers to assist the residents of the county. While we do not have a specific location currently available to offer the training, RGCC has been in the process of identifying a suitable facility to offer college courses. Discussions are underway with several possible partners. We anticipate having a location available by summer. We commit to having a suitable training facility and computer lab for the county if these grant funds are made available.
- Gallia County - The main campus is located in Village of Rio Grande in Gallia County. We have a library facility which is open to public use and provides public access to some outdated computers. We request 1,200 training hours and 90 computers. Training will be provided in the library or in one of our available classroom computer laboratories.
- Meigs County – Rio Grande opened a new facility in Meigs County in 2008. We currently have a computer lab and a distance learning lab in addition to eight traditional classrooms. The facility was built with public use in mind and is actively used by many community groups. We request 815 training hours and 60 computers. The training would take place at the Meigs Center located in Pomeroy Ohio.
- Jackson County – Rio Grande currently has a partnership with Ohio State University in a facility outside the city of Jackson, called the Endeavor Center. This Center is utilized by small businesses. Our future plans include utilizing the facility to expand educational offerings in Jackson County. We request 468 training hours and 20 computers to assist the residents of the county. We will make a room available for training and to house the computer lab for public use if the proposal is funded.

Rio Grande Community College is eager to provide training and assistance to the communities within our district. . The matching fund requirements for the hardware would total \$33,250 and the training requirement would total approximately \$26,000. We are committed to the matching fund requirements for this exciting project. We also wish to participate in the advertising promotion for this project of approximately \$3,500.

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Thank you for this wonderful opportunity to enhance our Community College District. I look forward to working with you to enhance the educational opportunities to our citizens.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Luanne R. Bowman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "L".

Luanne Rase Bowman
Vice President for Financial and Administrative Affairs

Steven Lee Johnson, President

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fax 937/512-4596



March 12, 2010

Mr. Tom Fritz
Executive Director
Connect Ohio
232 North 3rd Street Suite 201
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Mr. Fritz:

Sinclair Community College is pleased to be a partner with Connect Ohio for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program proposal to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration. The expansion of broadband availability and the corresponding computer literacy skills are critical for effective functioning in today's economy driven by information and knowledge.

For this Sustainable Broadband Adoption project, Sinclair Community College will make the following contributions outlined in the second column.

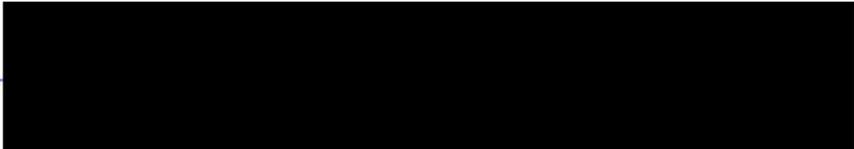
AMOUNT OF GRANT FUNDS ANTICIPATED FROM OHIO CONNECT	ANTICIPATED AMOUNT OF SINCLAIR CONTRIBUTION DURING THE PROJECT PERIOD	HOW MATCH WILL BE USED
Up to \$19,000.00 (\$475.00 per computer purchased)	Up to \$5,000.00 cash (\$125.00 per computer purchased)	For the purchase of up to 40 computers
Up to \$21,000 (\$21.00 per instructional hour)	Up to \$9,000 of in-kind staff time for enrollment and reporting and uncollected indirect costs (\$9.00 per instructional hour)	For the provision of up to 1,000 hours of basic computer, internet, and applied internet training (includes registration of trainees referred by Connect Ohio and completion of required reports)
Up to \$40,000	Up to \$14,000	Total Maximum Amounts

Sinclair Community College looks forward to our work on this critical project.

Sincerely,



Steven L. Johnson, Ph.D.
President and CEO



March 10, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of Connect Ohio's application to the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program for its proposed "Ohio Public Adoption through Libraries (OPAL II) sustainable broadband adoption project.

The Ohio Telecom Association (OTA) is a statewide trade association that promotes the common interests of telecommunications companies serving and employing Ohioans. The OTA currently represents 42 telecommunications providers, 2 wireless providers and more than 100 associate member companies that supply goods and services to the telecommunications industry. In total, the OTA member companies employ more than 20,000 Ohioans.

The telecom marketplace in Ohio is crowded, with as many as 826 companies selling a range of voice and data services to Ohio's 11.5 million residents and 900,000 businesses. Telecommunications in Ohio is now a **\$15.4 billion** annual industry with wireless leading the pack among all providers. Internet spending has also increased, due to the **3.1 million new broadband customers added over the past three years**. With the demand for local phone service declining and recognizing that telecom is much more than local phone service, OTA's smaller incumbent local carriers are aggressively diversifying to compete as wireless, video and broadband providers. Increasing the number of home broadband subscribers is vital to the future of OTA's member companies.

Ohio's public libraries, which are consistently recognized as some of the best in the nation, are the ideal partners to help achieve this objective. Connect Ohio's research has revealed that over 60 percent of all users of public library computers in Ohio do not have broadband access at home, and nearly 30 percent visit specifically to use a publicly-available, broadband-connected computer.

Connect Ohio's application provides a roadmap to navigate around the barriers to broadband adoption that exist for millions of Ohioans who still don't subscribe to high-speed Internet service at home.

The OTA strongly supports Connect Ohio's application and encourages the NTIA to fully fund this effort to help bring the many benefits of home broadband adoption to the Ohioans who need it most.

Sincerely,





March 5, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of Connect Ohio's application to the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration's (NTIA) Broadband Technology Opportunities Program for its proposed "Ohio Public Adoption through Libraries" (OPAL II) sustainable broadband adoption project.

The Ohio Association of Broadcasters (OAB) is the trade association of radio and television stations in the state of Ohio. Our membership includes approximately 95% of television stations and more than 90% of full-power radio stations in the state of Ohio.

If Connect Ohio's application is approved and fully funded by the NTIA, Connect Ohio proposes using the Ohio Association of Broadcasters' Public Education Partnership (PEP) program to educate all Ohioans about the availability and benefits of broadband technology. Through the PEP program, the OAB's goal is to provide Connect Ohio with a return of at least \$3 for every \$1 invested in the campaign. The proposed contract for [REDACTED] should result in airtime valued at a minimum of [REDACTED] over a two-year period. This amounts to an in-kind contribution valued at \$1,080,000 by member stations of the OAB.

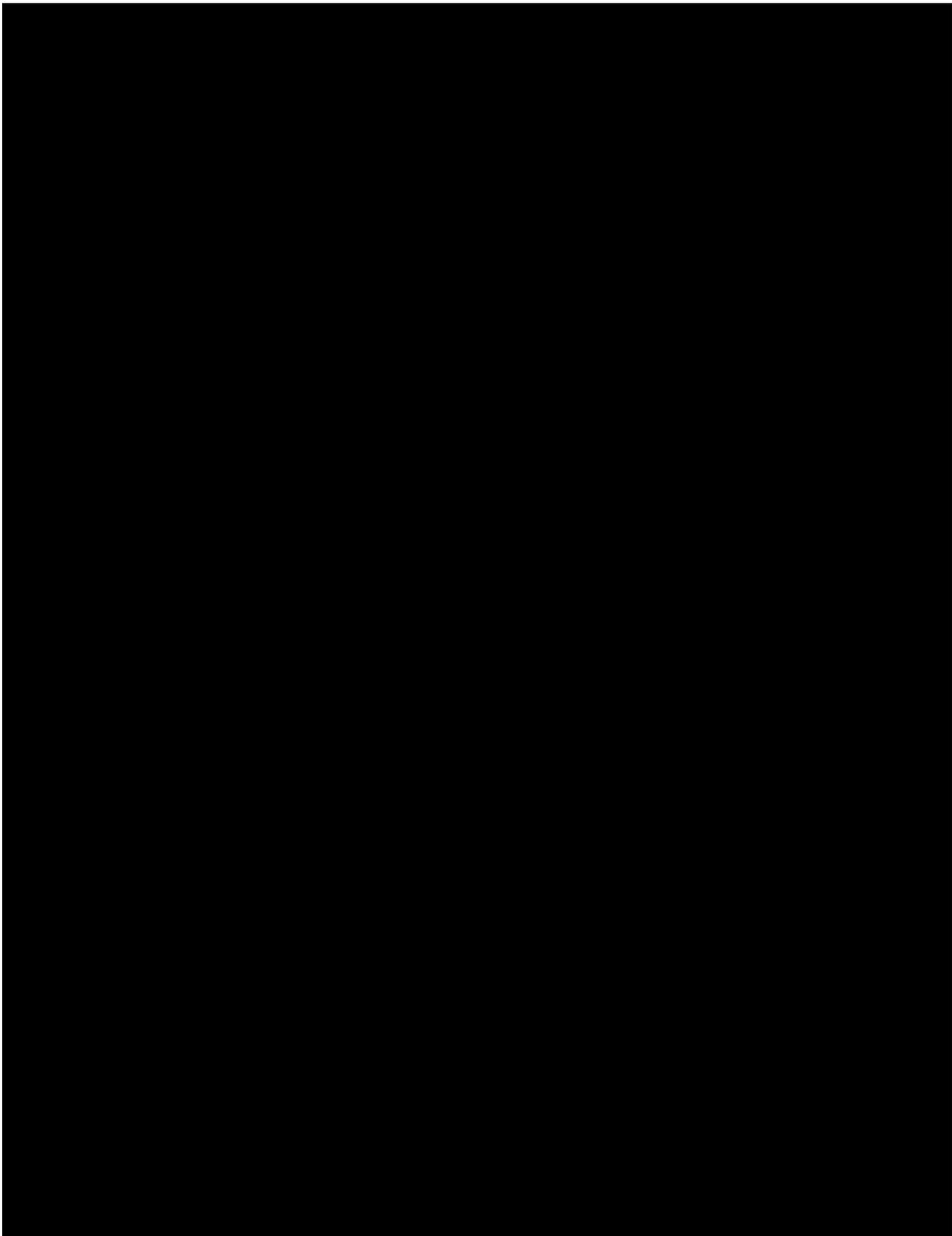
The OAB welcomes the opportunity to partner with Connect Ohio and with Ohio's public libraries to help Ohioans take advantage of the many benefits of broadband Internet technology.

This initiative will help further Connect Ohio's objectives of providing affordable broadband availability and dramatically improved use of computers and related technology for every Ohioan.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]





March 9, 2010

WBGU
Channel 27
Bowling Green

WCET
Channel 48
Cincinnati

WNEO
Channel 45
Youngstown

WEAO
Channel 49
Akron

WGTE TV
Toledo

WOSU
Channel 34
Columbus

WPBO
Channel 42
Portsmouth

WOUB
Channel 20
Athens

WOUC
Channel 44
Cambridge

WPTD
ThinkTV 16
Dayton

WPTO
ThinkTV 14
Oxford

WVIZ
ideastream
Cleveland

Tom Fritz
Executive Director, Connect Ohio
232 North 23rd Street
Suite 201
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Tom:

I write on behalf of the Ohio Educational Television Stations Inc. (OETS) in full support of Connect Ohio's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program and its Public Access and Adoption Program ("Every Community Online") initiative. We are excited that Ohio's public television stations may have the opportunity to be a media partner for this precedent-setting and much needed effort.

OETS is a statewide organization representing Ohio's eight public media and television organizations. These organizations are the licensees of the state's 12 public television stations. As a group, the stations reach all Ohioans and the more than 4 million television households in the state. This unique coverage is available through over-the-air broadcast, cable carriage and distribution by other local and regional providers. Every month public television reaches at least 75% of all of Ohio's homes and families. A coordinated statewide effort by the OETS stations will include an extended commitment to Connect Ohio for a 22 month campaign beginning in Fall 2010. The stations can deliver effective and consistent messaging throughout the state reaching approximately 250,000 Ohio television households every day.

The OETS media partnership proposal for the "Life is Better with Broadband" campaign includes a commitment of 50 spot announcements across the state every day (a minimum of 4 daily spots on each of the 12 public television stations). This will include a primetime presence, and scheduling will be coordinated by OETS to promote consistent visibility statewide. The stations will also look for additional spot placement opportunities across their multicast digital television channels.

In total, we anticipate that the campaign will include a minimum of 17,000 spots statewide per year and a minimum of more than 31,000 spots over the planned 22 month campaign. The total value of this campaign is in excess of

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OETS proposes an [REDACTED] investment by Connect Ohio over 22 months in this public television campaign. That investment will be matched by an in-kind contribution of \$400,000 by the stations in support of the "Every Community Online" initiative. In addition, OETS will work with Connect Ohio in the production of the statewide messaging at reduced rates to assure both quality and economical cost.

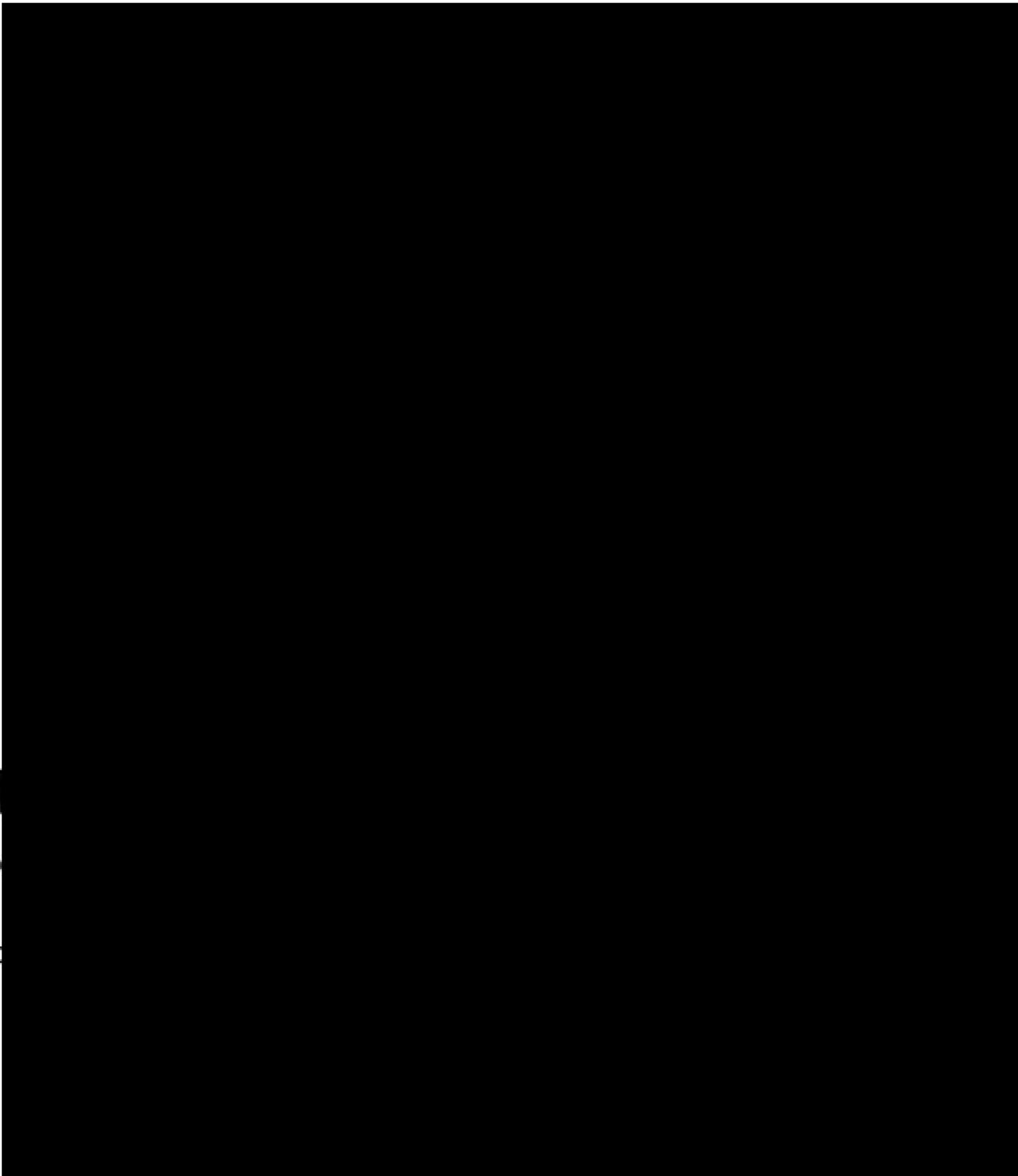
Public television reaches all of Ohio's communities. Our stations provide a unique, uncluttered, non-commercial, and trusted venue for public service and information campaigns. The "Life is Better with Broadband" campaign not only aligns with our stations' capabilities and reach but also with our collective mission to inform, educate and inspire. We look forward to working with Connect Ohio on this innovative project and will be happy to provide additional information and detail.

Tom, we believe that this is an extraordinary opportunity for effective service to our state. The goal that all Ohioans enjoy access to technology to improve their lives and learning is certainly one that OETS and its member organizations share with Connect Ohio.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this effort.

Sincerely,

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March 5, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

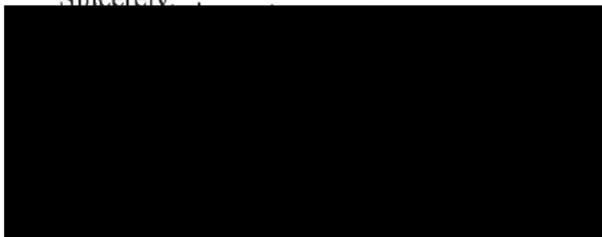
I am writing in support of Connect Ohio's application to the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program for its proposed "Ohio Public Adoption through Libraries (OPAL II) sustainable broadband adoption project.

Time Warner Cable is a partner in Governor Ted Strickland's Connect Ohio effort and has contributed \$20,000 in 2009 to further the organization's objectives of providing ubiquitous broadband availability and dramatically improved use of computers and related technology for every Ohioan.

If Connect Ohio's application is approved and fully funded by the NTIA, Time Warner expects to provide support of a minimum level of \$20,000 annually for the duration of the two-year public computing project. Further, for the duration of the two-year project, Time Warner Cable will also provide an in-kind contribution of at least \$100,000 in Public Service Announcements (PSAs) touting the benefits of broadband.

We fully support Connect Ohio's efforts to help more than 600,000 Ohio households, many of whom are economically disadvantaged; minorities or elderly, to take advantage of the many benefits of broadband Internet service and help more than 200,000 of them become sustainable adopters of this important technology in their homes.

Sincerely,





WCBE-FM 90.5
Columbus
WCPN-FM 90.3
Cleveland
WCSU-FM 88.9
Wilberforce
WDPG-FM 89.9
Dayton
WDPR-FM 88.1
Dayton
WGBE-FM 90.9
Bryan
WGDE-FM 91.9
Defiance
WGLE-FM 90.7
Lima
WGTE-FM 91.3
Toledo
WGUC-FM 90.9
Cincinnati
WKRJ-FM 91.5
New Philadelphia
WKRW-FM 89.3
Wooster
WKSU-FM 89.7
Kent
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Thompson
WMUB-FM 88.5
Oxford
WNRK-FM 90.7
Norwalk
WOSB-FM 91.1
Marion
WOSE-FM 91.1
Coshocton
WOSP-FM 91.5
Portsmouth
WOSU-AM 820
Columbus
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Mansfield
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Cambridge
WOUH-FM 91.9
Chillicothe
WOUL-FM 89.1
Ironton
Woub-AM 1340
Athens
Woub-FM 91.3
Athens
WOUZ-FM 90.1
Zanesville
WVXU-FM 91.7
Cincinnati
WYSO-FM 91.3
Yellow Springs
WYSU-FM 88.5
Youngstown

March 12, 2010

Tom Fritz
Executive Director, Connect Ohio
232 North 23rd Street
Suite 201
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Tom:

On behalf of the Ohio Public Radio Stations and OPR President Georganne Woessner, I write in support of Connect Ohio's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program and its Public Access and Adoption Program initiative. Like our public television brethren, we are excited that our radio stations may have the opportunity to be a media partner for this landmark effort.

OPR is a statewide organization representing the 11 entities that operate public radio stations in Ohio. These organizations hold the licenses of the state's 31 public radio stations and include four of the organizations that also operate public television stations. As a group, the radio stations reach virtually all of the state's 11.5 million residents. This blanketing coverage is available through over-the-air broadcast and through on-line streaming channels. More than one million Ohioans tune into one or more OPR stations every week.

A coordinated statewide effort by the OPR stations will include an extended commitment to Connect Ohio for a 22 month campaign beginning in Fall 2010. The stations can deliver coordinated and effective messaging, while tailoring the specific texts to the unique needs of each region of the state.

The OPR media partnership proposal for the broadband campaign includes a commitment of 31 spot announcements across the state every day (each of the 31 radio stations will air a minimum of one spot per day). This will include run-of-the-schedule airings that include morning and afternoon drive-times.

In total, we anticipate that the campaign will include a minimum of 11,300 spots statewide per year and a minimum of more than 20,750 spots over the planned 22 month campaign. The total value of this campaign is in excess of [REDACTED]

OPR proposes a [REDACTED] investment by Connect Ohio over 22 months in this public radio campaign. That investment will be matched by an in-kind contribution of \$125,000 by the stations in support of the initiative. In addition, OPR will work with Connect Ohio in the formulation of general messaging standards and specific content to assure both quality and efficacy.

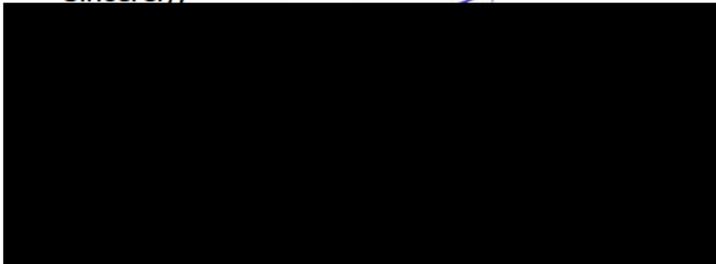
Public radio reaches every Ohioan, whether in their living room, by their bedside or in their car. Our stations provide a unique, uncluttered, non-commercial, and trusted venue for public service and information campaigns.

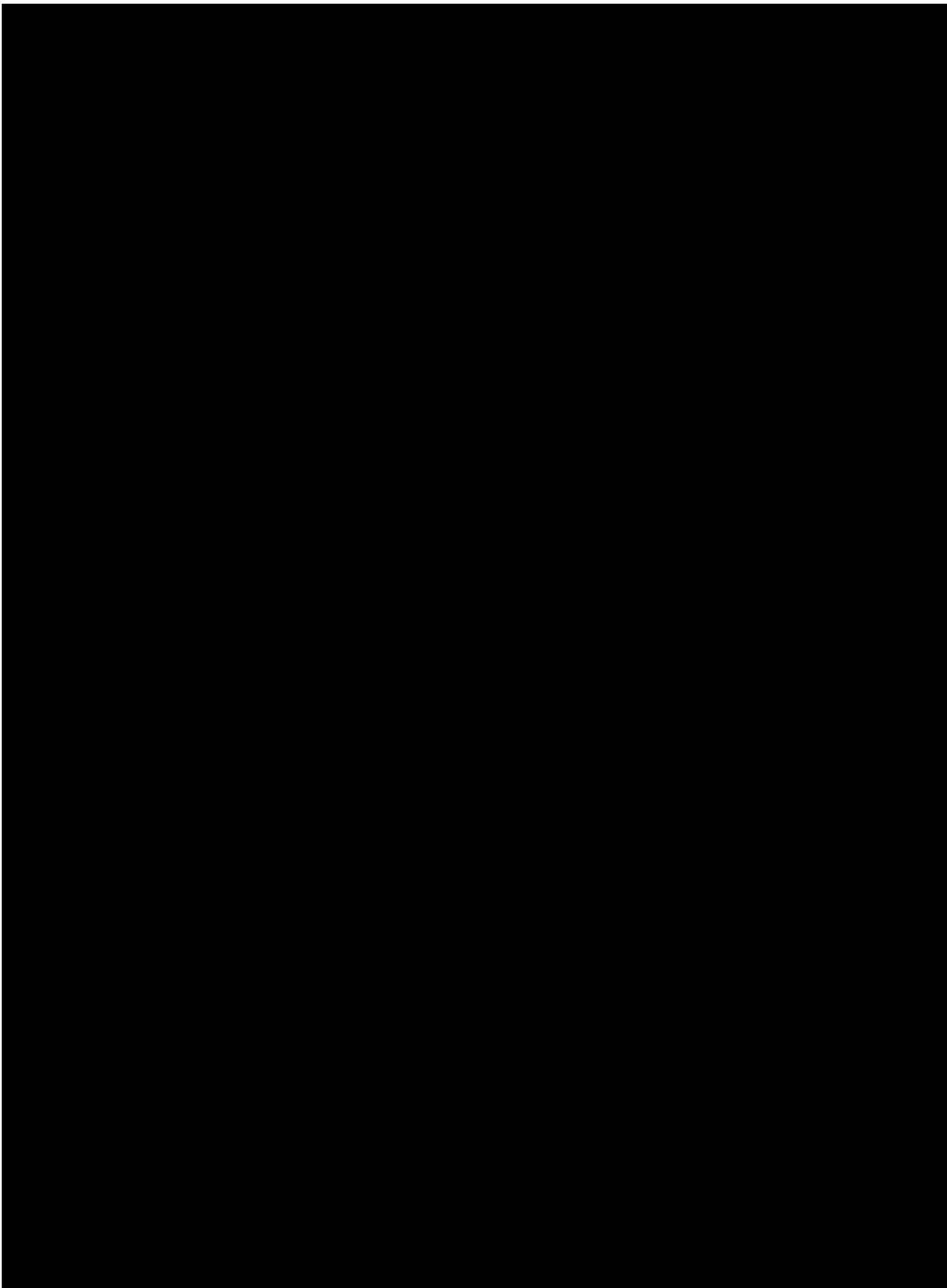
The broadband campaign not only aligns with our stations' capabilities and reach, but also with public broadcasting's collective mission to inform, educate and inspire. We look forward to working with Connect Ohio on this innovative project and will be happy to provide additional information and detail.

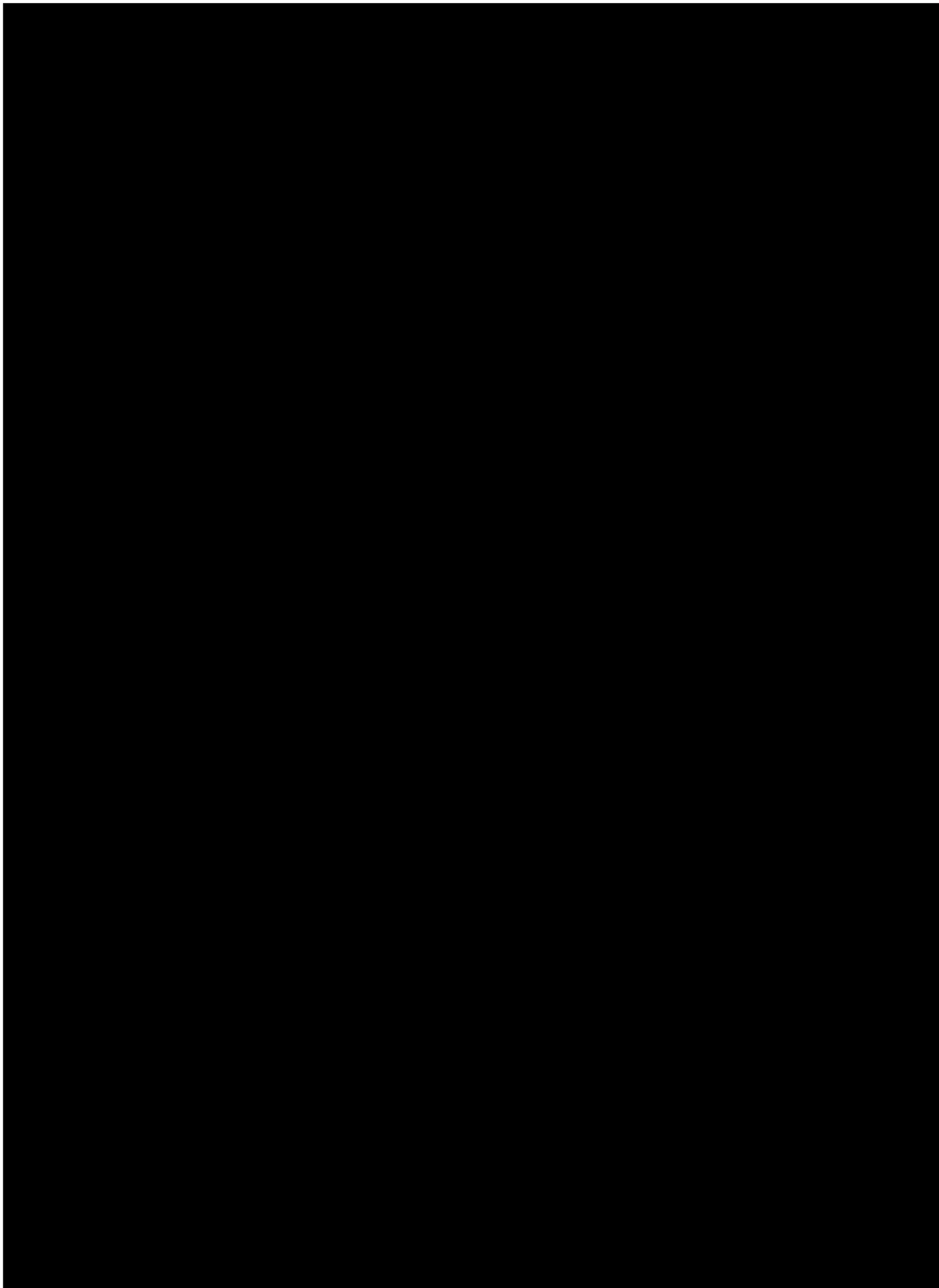
We believe that this is an extraordinary opportunity for effective service to our state. The goal that all Ohioans enjoy access to technology to improve their lives and learning is certainly one that Ohio Public Radio and its member organizations share with Connect Ohio.

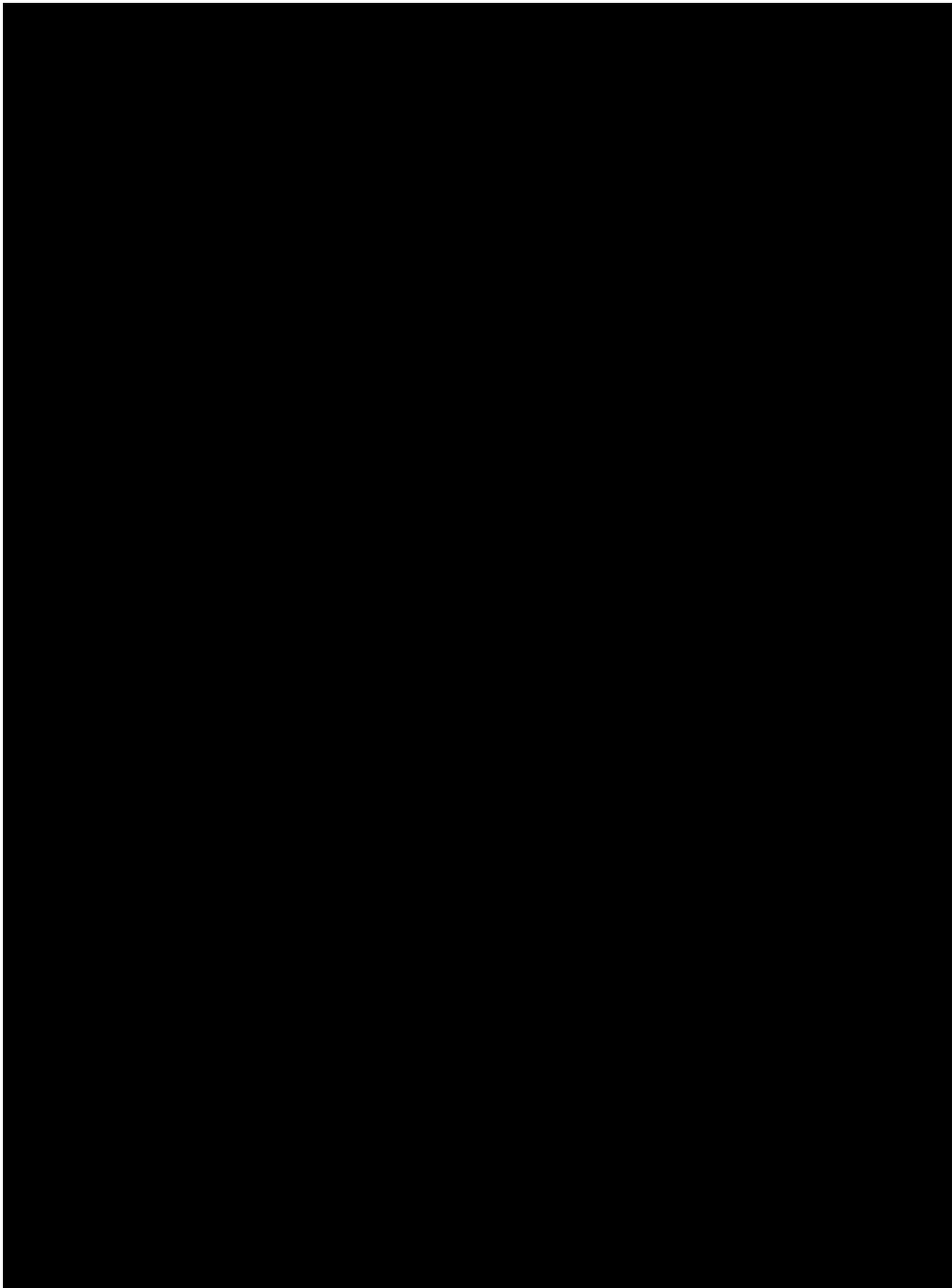
On behalf of the Ohio Public Radio stations, thank you for the opportunity to participate in this effort.

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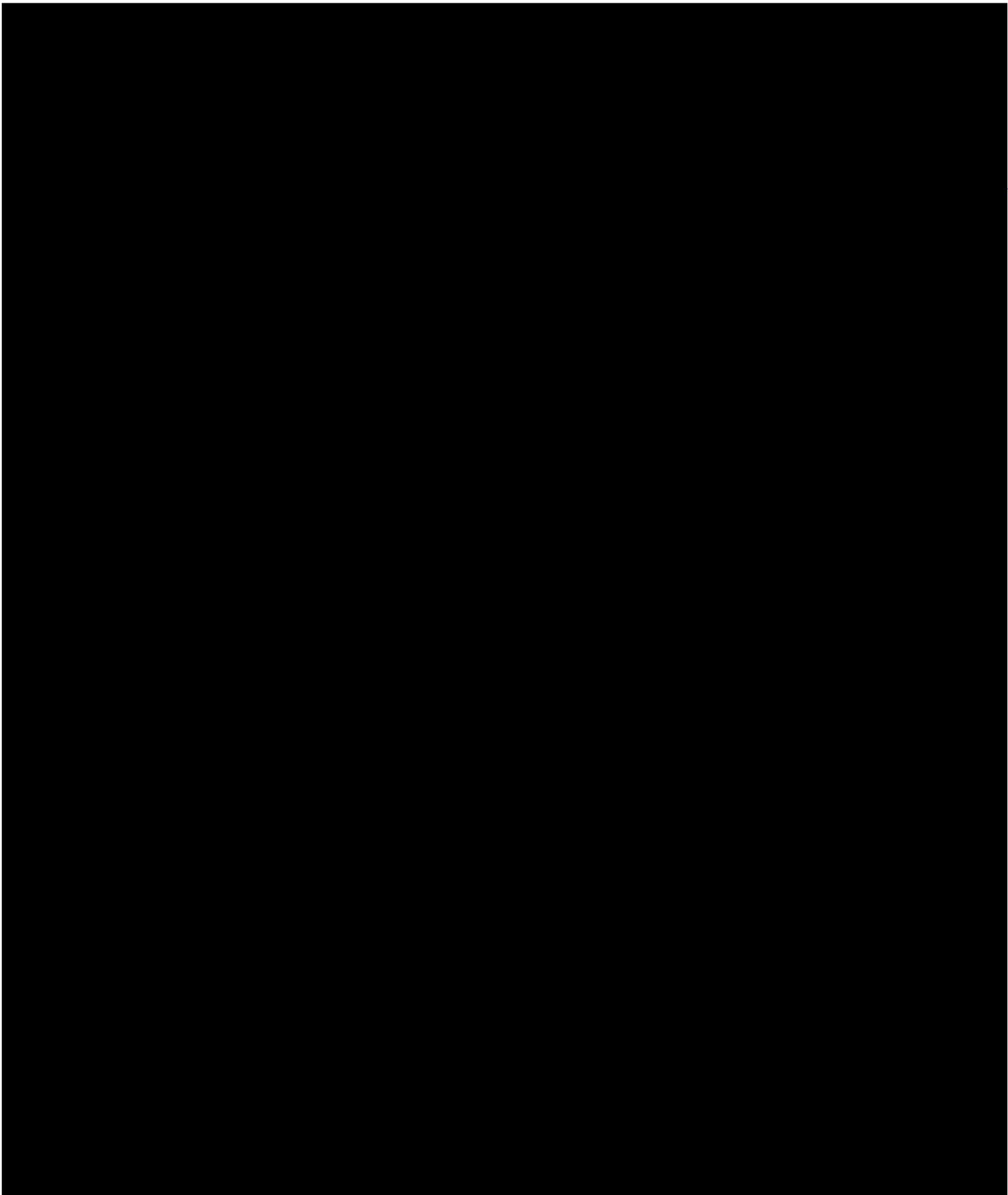


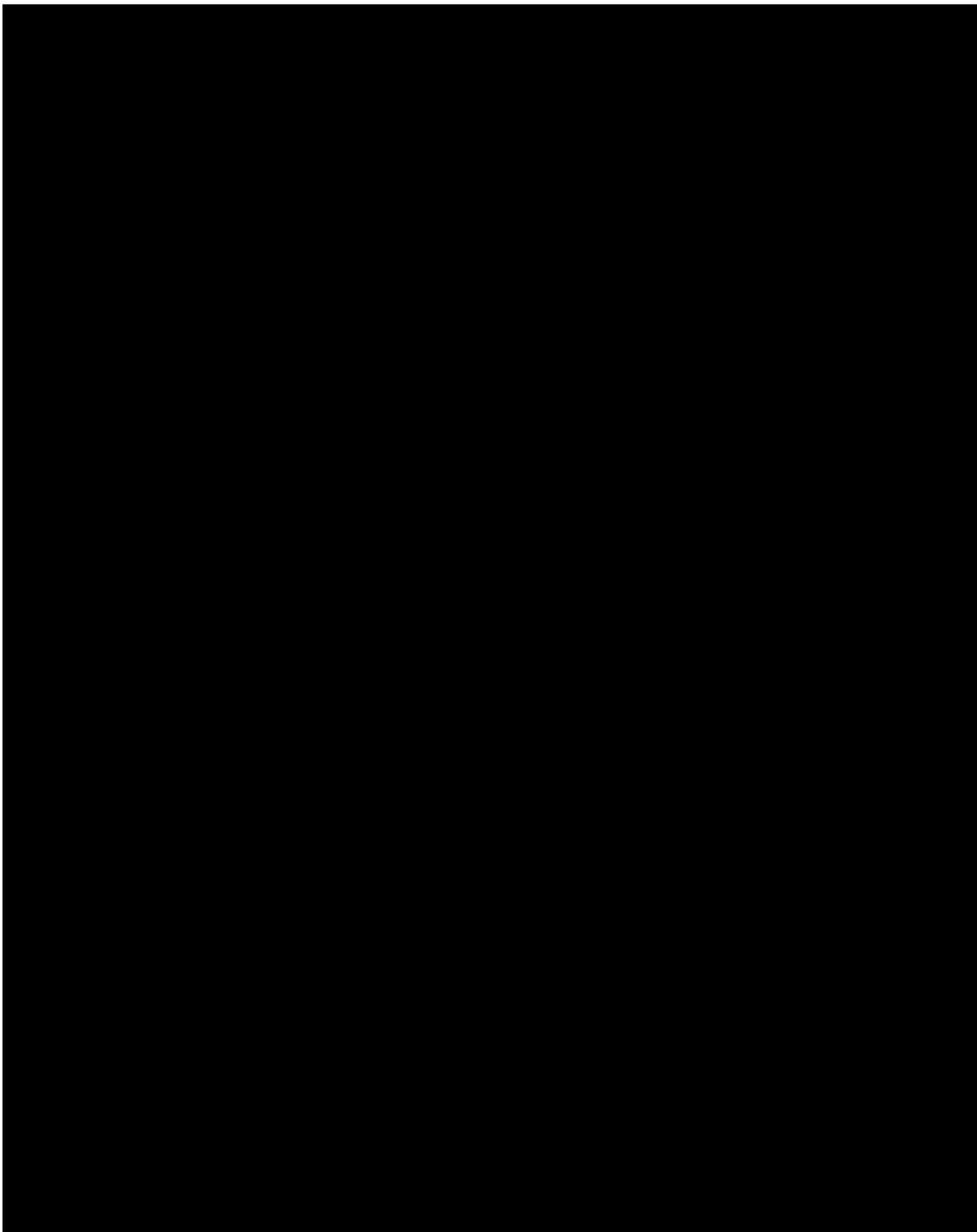


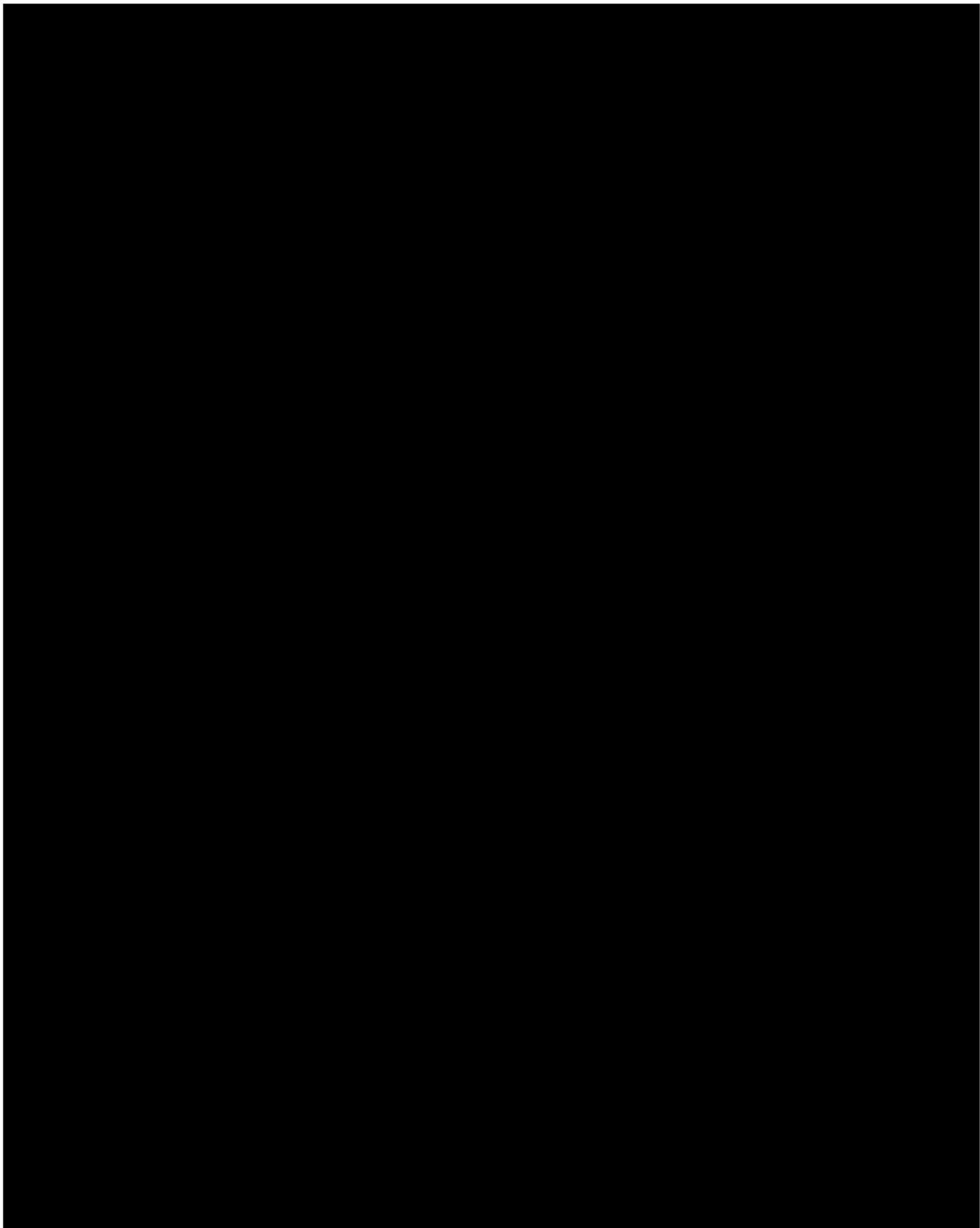










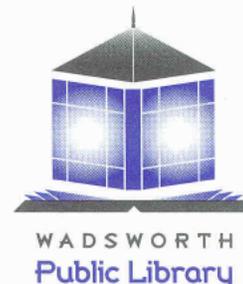


Matching Funds Provided by Library Systems for Connect Ohio's OPAL II project

		Training	Support	Advertising		Total
County	System	Match \$	Match \$	Match \$		Cash
		Provided	Provided	Provided		Provided
Allen	Lima Public Library	\$0	\$0	\$1,500		\$1,500
Allen	Bluffton					
Ashland	Ashland County	\$4,212	\$0	\$600		\$4,812
Ashtabula	Kingsville	\$675	\$120	\$584		\$1,379
Ashtabula	Rock Creek	\$0	\$0	\$345		\$345
Auglaize	Auglaize County Library	\$4,212	\$0	\$866		\$5,078
Belmont	Barnesville	\$6,291	\$0	\$874		\$7,165
Belmont	Martin's Ferry	\$6,750	\$0	\$1,202		\$7,952
Brown	Brown County Public	\$0	\$288	\$1,512		\$1,800
Champaign	Champaign County	\$2,525	\$0	\$350		\$2,875
Columbiana	Salem	\$0	\$0	\$419		\$419
Cuyahoga	Cleveland Public	\$51,300	\$0	\$7,188		\$58,488
Cuyahoga	Cuyahoga County	\$75,816	\$0	\$12,332		\$88,148
Cuyahoga	Euclid Public	\$27,513	\$0	\$3,821		\$31,334
Cuyahoga	Shaker Heights Public	\$10,125	\$0	\$5,594		\$15,719
Delaware	Delaware County	\$0	\$0	\$986		\$986
Delaware	Community Library	\$7,101	\$0	\$986		\$8,087
Erie	Huron	\$0	\$0	\$824		\$824
Franklin	Columbus Metro	\$28,800	\$0	\$6,200		\$35,000
Fulton	Swanton LSD Public	\$2,039	\$60	\$282		\$2,381
Geauga	Geauga Public	\$8,100	\$0	\$2,252		\$10,352
Hamilton	Cincinnati/Hamilton Cnty	\$63,180	\$0	\$30,292		\$93,472
Hancock	Hancock County	\$16,281	\$360	\$2,261		\$18,902
Hardin	Forest-Jackson Public	\$918	\$84	\$128		\$1,130
Harrison	Puskarich	\$2,025	\$0	\$559		\$2,584
Holmes	Holmes County	\$11,786	\$0	\$1,636		\$13,422
Huron	Monroeville	\$0	\$0	\$135		\$135
Jackson	Oak Hill	\$2,106	\$240	\$679		\$3,025
Knox	Mt Vernon / Knox County	\$5,398	\$852	\$2,090		\$8,340
Lake	Mentor Public	\$0	\$0	\$1,600		\$1,600
Lake	Perry	\$702	\$0	\$424		\$1,126
Lake	Wickliffe	\$9,018	\$540	\$0		\$9,558
Lake	Willoughby-Eastlake	\$4,007	\$0	\$1,252		\$5,260
Lawrence	Briggs Lawrence	\$0	\$0	\$3,487		\$3,487
Logan	Logan County	\$0	\$0	\$975		\$975
Lorain	Avon Lake	\$0	\$0	\$923		\$923
Lorain	Lorain County	\$13,500	\$0	\$1,960		\$15,460
Lorain	Elyria - West Lake Branch	\$0	0	\$1,960		\$1,960
Lorain	Grafton-Midview	\$4,685	\$120	\$1,639		\$6,443
Mahoning	Youngstown & Mahoning	\$33,696	\$0	\$9,731		\$43,427
Montgomery	Germantown	\$2,934	\$0	\$621		\$3,555
Morgan	Kate Love Simpson	\$2,576	\$0	\$979		\$3,555
Morrow	Cardington	\$3,726	\$480	\$517		\$4,723
Morrow	Selover	\$0	\$0	\$413		\$413
Morrow	Mt Gilead	\$2,984	\$384	\$415		\$3,782

Matching Funds Provided by Library Systems for Connect Ohio's OPAL II project

Pike	Garnet A. Wilson	\$10,031	\$252	\$1,394		\$11,677
Portage	Portage County	\$0	\$0	\$767		\$767
Putnam	Putnam County	\$10,760	\$348	\$1,495		\$12,602
Ross	Chillicothe and Ross Cnty	\$27,000	\$0	\$0		\$27,000
Scioto	Portsmouth Public	\$28,377	\$0	\$3,941		\$32,318
Seneca	Seneca East	\$405	\$0	\$124		\$529
Seneca	Tiffin-Seneca	\$4,050	\$0	\$1,145		\$5,195
Shelby	Shelby County	\$540	\$0	\$1,575		\$2,115
Stark	Massilon Public	\$0	\$0	\$4,985		\$4,985
Summit	Akron-Summit County	\$50,517	\$5,436	\$7,017		\$62,970
Trumbull	Hubbard	\$7,227	\$0	\$970		\$8,197
Trumbull	Kinsman	\$0	\$0	\$430		\$430
Trumbull	McKinley Memorial	\$7,227	\$552	\$1,506		\$9,285
Trumbull	Warren-Trumbull County	\$4,536	\$0	\$0		\$4,536
Warren	Mary L. Cook	\$1,688	\$0	\$234		\$1,922
Wayne	Orrville	\$972	\$0	\$325		\$1,297
Wood	Wood County	\$1,620	\$0	\$1,238		\$2,858
Wood	Rossford Public	\$2,808	\$0	\$1,038		\$3,846
Medina	Wadsworth Public	\$8,964	\$0	\$0		\$8,964
	Match Money Provided	\$581,699	\$10,116	\$141,576		



National Telecommunication and Information Administration
Lawrence Strickling, Administrator

Date: February 25, 2010

Dear Mr. Strickling:

The Wadsworth-Ella M Everhard Public Library acknowledges the fact that in order to bring necessary education, job creation, health information, delivery of government services, and a variety of social benefits to our citizens, it is critical that sufficient access to broadband services be widely available.

In addition, the Library desires to help the community understand and make full use of these benefits by providing an adequate supply of computers, curriculum to ensure effective use, and a program which will help citizens to adopt broadband as an integral part of their daily lives.

Together with the State Library of Ohio and Connect Ohio, a non-profit public-private partnership established by the Governor of Ohio to promote the benefits and use of broadband, we have assessed the needs of Wadsworth-Ella M Everhard Public Library to provide these services.

By providing a sufficient supply of 57 modern computers, the State Library of Ohio's Public Access through Libraries project will enable our facilities to offer many of the benefits of broadband to our patrons. A recent survey conducted within our patron base concluded that fewer than 40% of the users at the libraries have broadband at home. This meets the NTIA's definition of underserved population, and it is clear that the access to broadband at the library meets a vital public need.

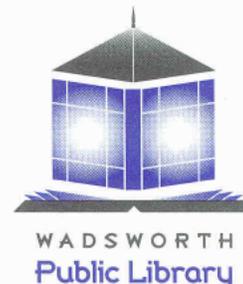
Further, we want to participate in the delivery of 604 hours of curriculum and training to these patrons, in order to ensure their eventual crossing of the digital divide. Connect Ohio's Adoption through Public Libraries project will enable this by providing training, technical support, public awareness, and a coherent strategy that can be executed statewide. Connect Ohio's application will provide more than 100 new training jobs and produce over 200,000 incremental connected households in Ohio over the next two years, if funded.

We are in full support of these programs and wish to participate as local outlets for learning, use, and adoption of broadband to close the digital divide.

I urge you to consider our community and its needs and to approve the applications made by the State Library of Ohio and by Connect Ohio for this important work.

Sincerely,

C. Allen Nichols
Library Director



Wadsworth-Ella M Everhard Public Library
March 15, 2010

WHEREAS the Wadsworth Public Library acknowledges the public need for broadband training, support and awareness in order to promote and ensure sustained adoption of broadband services;

WHEREAS the Wadsworth Public Library wishes to participate in a statewide grant application for the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) funds for sustainable adoption of broadband through training, support services, and public awareness;

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the **Wadsworth Public Library** will provide matching funds of \$8,964.00 to support Connect Ohio's Public Adoption through Libraries project for the provision of 664 hours of training;*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the **Wadsworth Public Library** is in full support of the Connect Ohio grant application and the complementary application submitted by the State Library of Ohio.*

Approved by the Board of Trustees of the Wadsworth – Ella M Everhard Public Library on March 15, 2010.

C. Allen Nichols
Library Director

2010-11 RESOLUTION – OHIO PUBLIC ACCESS THROUGH LIBRARIES GRANT APPROVAL

Mrs. Dana Kessinger Resolved,

WHEREAS the Meigs County District Public Library currently is in need of laptop/desktop computers at its 4 locations to meet the public demand;

WHEREAS the Meigs County District Public Library acknowledges the public need for broadband training, support and awareness in order to promote and ensure sustained adoption of broadband services;

WHEREAS Meigs County District Public Library wishes to participate in a statewide grant application for the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) funds for 25 laptop/desktop computers;

WHEREAS the Meigs County District Public Library will provide matching funds of at least \$125 each, for up to 25 computers granted to the State Library of Ohio's *Public Access through Libraries project* for a total cost of at least \$3125;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees of Meigs County District Public Library is in full support of the State Library's grant application and the complimentary application submitted by Connect Ohio.

Resolution seconded by Mr. Bruce May. Roll Call: Mrs. Holter – aye; Ms. Hennessy – aye; Mrs. Rutherford – aye; Mrs. Kessinger – aye; Mrs. Bentley – aye; Mr. May – aye; Mr. Little – aye. Resolution passed.

Dayton Metro

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215 E. Third St. Dayton, OH 45402
Phone: (937) 227-9500 Fax: (937) 227-9524
www.daytonmetrolibrary.org

Timothy G. Kambitsch, Director

This resolution was passed by the Dayton Metro Library Board of Trustees on Feb. 17, 2010.

WHEREAS, the ARRA stimulus funds offer the Dayton Metro Library an opportunity to expand PC use by patrons through laptops that can be checked out for on-site use,

WHEREAS, the State Library in partnership with OPLIN and Connect Ohio will submit an ARRA application for laptop equipment on behalf of the Dayton Metro Library and other public libraries in the state,

WHEREAS, the federal funds being applied for amount to \$ 90,000, with the requirement that the library provide a 20% or higher match,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Dayton Metro Library will commit at least \$ 18,750 in matching funds for an ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) BTOP (Broadband Technology Opportunities Program) application being submitted by the State Library of Ohio if the grant is accepted.

Dayton Metro

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215 E. Third St. Dayton, OH 45402-2103
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www.daytonmetrolibrary.org

Timothy G. Kambitsch, Executive Director

National Telecommunication and Information Administration
Lawrence Strickling, Administrator

Date: February 26, 2010

Dear Mr. Strickling,

The Dayton Metro Library acknowledges the fact that in order to bring necessary education, job creation, health information, delivery of government services, and a variety of social benefits to our citizens, it is critical that sufficient access to broadband services be widely available.

In addition, the library desires to help the community understand and make full use of these benefits by providing an adequate supply of computers, training to ensure effective use, and a program which will help citizens to adopt broadband as an integral part of their daily lives.

Together with the State Library of Ohio and Connect Ohio, a non-profit public-private partnership established by the Governor of Ohio to promote the benefits and use of broadband, we have assessed the needs of Dayton Metro library to provide these services.

By providing a sufficient supply of modern computers, the State Library of Ohio's Public Access through Libraries project will enable our facilities to offer many of the benefits of broadband to our patrons. A recent survey conducted within our patron base concluded that fewer than 40% of the users at the libraries have broadband at home. This meets the NTIA's definition of underserved population, and it is clear that the access to broadband at the library meets a vital public need.

Further, we want to participate in the delivery of curriculum and training to these patrons, in order to ensure their eventual crossing of the digital divide. Connect Ohio's Adoption through Public Libraries project will enable this by providing training, technical support, public awareness, and a coherent strategy that can be executed statewide. Connect Ohio's application will provide more than 100 new training jobs and produce over 200,000 incremental connected households in Ohio over the next two years, if funded. It is the intent of the Dayton Metro Library to offer the best curriculum and training possible to its patrons either through its existing curriculum of successful training programs or by participating in the Adoption through Public Libraries project.

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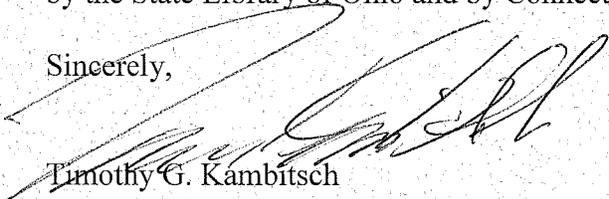
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Timothy G. Kambitsch, Executive Director

We are in full support of these programs and wish to enhance our participation as local outlets for learning, use, and adoption of broadband to close the digital divide.

I urge you to consider our community and its needs and to approve the applications made by the State Library of Ohio and by Connect Ohio for this important work.

Sincerely,



Timothy G. Kambitsch
Executive Director

National Telecommunication and Information Administration
Lawrence Strickling, Administrator

Date: February 26, 2010

Dear Mr. Strickling,

The Germantown Public Library acknowledges the fact that in order to bring necessary education, job creation, health information, delivery of government services, and a variety of social benefits to our citizens, it is critical that sufficient access to broadband services be widely available.

In addition, the library desires to help the community understand and make full use of these benefits by providing an adequate supply of computers, curriculum to ensure effective use, and a program which will help citizens to adopt broadband as an integral part of their daily lives.

Together with the State Library of Ohio and Connect Ohio, a non-profit public-private partnership established by the Governor of Ohio to promote the benefits and use of broadband, we have assessed the ability of our library to provide these services.

By providing a sufficient supply of modern computers, the State Library of Ohio's Public Access through Libraries project will enable our facilities to offer many of the benefits of broadband to our patrons. A recent survey conducted within our patron base concluded that fewer than 40% of the users at the libraries have broadband at home. This meets the NTIA's definition of underserved population, and it is clear that the access to broadband at the library meets a vital public need.

Further, we want to participate in the delivery of curriculum and training to these patrons, in order to ensure their eventual crossing of the digital divide. Connect Ohio's Adoption through Public Libraries project will enable this by providing training, technical support, public awareness, and a coherent strategy that can be executed statewide. Connect Ohio's application will provide more than 100 new training jobs and produce over 200,000 incremental connected households in Ohio over the next two years, if funded.

We are in full support of these programs and wish to participate as local outlets for learning, use, and adoption of broadband to close the digital divide.

I urge you to consider our community and its needs and to approve the applications made by the State Library of Ohio and by Connect Ohio for this important work.

Sincerely,



Joseph Knueven
Director

The *Board of Trustees of the Germantown Public Library*, in Montgomery County

Ohio met in regular session on the 8th day of March, 2010, at the office

of the Germantown Public Library, 51 N. Plum Street, Germantown, Ohio, with the following members present:

David Izor, President
Laura Boyd, Vice-President
Linda Meadows, Secretary
Joan Wright, Trustee
Lynn Miller, Trustee

Mrs. Boyd moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the *Board of Trustees* of the Germantown Public Library,

Montgomery County Ohio that

WHEREAS the Germantown Public Library currently is in need of laptop/desktop computers at its location to meet the public demand;

WHEREAS the Germantown Public Library acknowledges the public need for broadband training, support and awareness in order to promote and ensure sustained adoption of broadband services;

WHEREAS Germantown Public Library wishes to participate in a statewide grant application for the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) funds for 20 laptop/desktop computers;

WHEREAS the Germantown Public Library will providing matching funds of at least \$125 each, for up to 20 computers granted to the State Library of Ohio's *Public Access through Libraries project* for a total cost to the Library of \$2500;

WHEREAS the Germantown Public Library wishes to participate in a statewide grant application for the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) funds for sustainable adoption of broadband through training, support services, and public awareness;

WHEREAS the Germantown Public Library will provide matching funds of \$3555 to support Connect Ohio's *Public Adoption through Libraries project* for the provision of training, technical support, and public awareness;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees of Germantown Public Library is in full support of the State Library's grant application and the complementary application submitted by Connect Ohio.

Mrs. Meadows seconded the **Resolution** and the

roll being called upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows:

Mrs. Boyd, aye; Mr. Izor, aye; Mrs. Meadows, aye; Mrs. Miller, aye; Mrs. Wright, aye. 5 aye votes, motion carried.

Adopted March 8, 2010



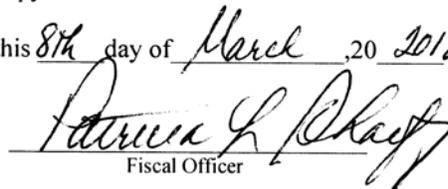
Patricia L. Schaeff
Fiscal Officer

I Patricia L. Schaeff, Fiscal Officer of the Board of Trustees, Germantown Public Library
in Montgomery County, Ohio

and in whose custody the Files, Journals and Records
of said Board are required by the Laws of the State of Ohio to be
kept, do hereby certify that the foregoing

Resolution is taken and copied from the original Resolution now on
file with said Board, that the foregoing Resolution has been compared
by me with the said original and that the same is a true and correct
copy thereof.

WITNESS my signature, this 8th day of March, 20 2010



Patricia L. Schaeff
Fiscal Officer

Tom Fritz, Executive Director
Connect Ohio
TFritz@ConnectOhio.Org 614/220-0190

Missy Lodge
Interim State Librarian
State Library of Ohio
mlodge@sloma.state.oh.us 614-644-6914

Dear Ms. Lodge and Mr. Fritz:

This letter confirms that Wright Memorial Public Library wishes to participate in the statewide grant request initiated by the State Library of Ohio and Connect Ohio.

Wright Memorial Public Library is applying for eighteen (18) new computers and would like to serve as a Public Access Center that makes online training available to patrons in our service area. The library's Board of Trustees has passed a resolution documenting our ability to provide at least \$125 matching funds per unit for eighteen new computers. We have space limitations that would prevent us from being able to add a greater number of computers.

Wright Memorial Public Library is a single location located in the city of Oakwood in Montgomery County. The population of our taxing district (city of Oakwood) is 9,215. The library has approximately 21,000 registered borrowers since we also have borrowers who live outside of Oakwood. There are 3,800 households in our taxing district, and approximately 9,100 households represented by our registered borrowers. This differs substantially from the information provided in the spreadsheet. The Dayton Metro Library has a branch less than 2 miles from our location and their main library is 3.5 miles from our building.

I will also be forwarding a copy of our board's resolution before March 10.

Thank you for all your work on this important project.

Sincerely,

Ann Snively
Director

The Board of Trustees of Wright Memorial Public Library met in special session at 6 p.m., Tuesday, February 23, 2010 in the Library meeting room. Present were Mr. John Green, Mr. Alan Halpern, Ms. Beverly Jones-Arthur, and Dr. Rick Smith. Dr. Pamela Menafee, Mrs. Lori Mitchell, and Mr. Michael Roediger were excused. A quorum was present. Library Director Mrs. Ann Snively and Fiscal Officer Mrs. Debra Schenk were also present.

Mr. Green made a motion, which was seconded by Dr. Smith, to pass the following resolution:

Resolved:

WHEREAS the Wright Memorial Public Library currently is in need of laptop/desktop computers to meet the public demand;

WHEREAS Wright Memorial Public Library wishes to participate in a statewide grant application for the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) funds for up to eighteen (18) laptop/desktop computers;

WHEREAS the Wright Memorial Public Library will providing matching funds of at least \$125 per computer for a total cost of at least \$2,250;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees of Wright Memorial Public Library is in full support of the State Library's grant application.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Green: Aye

Mr. Halpern: Aye

Ms. Jones-Arthur: Aye

Dr. Smith: Aye

The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.



Morgan County Public Library System

358 E. Main Street
McConnelsville, OH 43756
740-962-2533

February 26, 2010

Dear Mr. Fritz:

The Kate Love Simpson Morgan County Public Library plans to participate in both OPAL I AND OPAL II.

We would like to thank the State Library of Ohio and Connect Ohio for assessing the needs of Kate Love Simpson Morgan County Library and developing a plan to provide computer and broadband instruction.

By providing a sufficient supply of modern computers, the State Library of Ohio's Public Access through Libraries project will enable our facilities to offer many of the benefits of broadband to our patrons. We know that our patrons want and need to participate in the broadband opportunities available in more populated areas. Our rural location and high unemployment make this impossible for many Morgan County residents.

The delivery of curriculum and training to these patrons, in order to ensure their eventual crossing of the digital divide, is an exciting possibility now. Connect Ohio's Adoption through Public Libraries project will enable this by providing training, technical support, public awareness, and a coherent strategy that can be executed statewide. We are in full support of these programs and wish to participate as local outlets for learning, use, and adoption of broadband to close the digital divide. As director, I will recommend the following actions to the Board of Trustees.

- In order to implement these exciting changes, purchase a total of **45** new computers to provide patron access to broadband.
- For the OPAL II GRANT, use 100 or fewer hours of instruction over the two-year period of the grant to teach patrons how to use the computers and broadband capabilities. We understand that we are required to provide a 30 per cent grant match.
- For technical support, continue to use Kinetic Networking (800-756-6865) personnel from Caldwell, Ohio, and to initiate services from a start-up company in Morgan County Red Dragon PC Services LTD (740-962-4404). Therefore, we may need to opt out of the technical support aspect of the grant.
- As I understand, we are committed to pay 30 percent of the cost of publicity [\$3,264 x 0.30 or \$979.20 over the two year life of the grant for \$489.60 a year), advertising in local venues.

A letter of commitment from the Kate Love Simpson Board president with later full-board approval is pending.

Sincerely,

Blythe Schubert
Director



National Telecommunication
and Information Administration
Lawrence Strickling, Administrator

Cardington-Lincoln Public Library
128 East Main Street, P.O. Box 38
Cardington, Ohio 43315
Telephone: 419.864.8181
Fax: 419.864.8184

Date: February 26, 2010

Dear Mr. Strickling,

The Cardington-Lincoln Public Library acknowledges the fact that in order to bring necessary education, job creation, health information, delivery of government services, and a variety of social benefits to our citizens, it is critical that sufficient access to broadband services be widely available.

In addition, the library desires to help the community understand and make full use of these benefits by providing an adequate supply of computers, curriculum to ensure effective use, and a program which will help citizens to adopt broadband as an integral part of their daily lives.

Together with the State Library of Ohio and Connect Ohio, a non-profit public-private partnership established by the Governor of Ohio to promote the benefits and use of broadband, we have assessed the needs of Cardington-Lincoln Public Library to provide these services.

By providing a sufficient supply of modern computers, the State Library of Ohio's Public Access through Libraries project will enable our facilities to offer many of the benefits of broadband to our patrons. A recent survey conducted within our patron base concluded that fewer than 40% of the users at the libraries have broadband at home. This meets the NTIA's definition of underserved population, and it is clear that the access to broadband at the library meets a vital public need.

Further, we want to participate in the delivery of curriculum and training to these patrons, in order to ensure their eventual crossing of the digital divide. Connect Ohio's Adoption through Public Libraries project will enable this by providing training, technical support, public awareness, and a coherent strategy that can be executed statewide. Connect Ohio's application will provide more than 100 new training jobs and produce over 200,000 incremental connected households in Ohio over the next two years, if funded.

We are in full support of these programs and wish to participate as local outlets for learning, use, and adoption of broadband to close the digital divide.

I urge you to consider our community and its needs and to approve the applications made by the State Library of Ohio and by Connect Ohio for this important work.

Sincerely,

Lisa A. Murray
Director/Fiscal Officer

Resolved:

WHEREAS the Cardington-Lincoln Public Library currently is in need of laptop/desktop computers at its building located at 128 E. Main St. to meet the public demand;

WHEREAS the Cardington-Lincoln Public Library acknowledges the public need for broadband training, support and awareness in order to promote and ensure sustained adoption of broadband services;

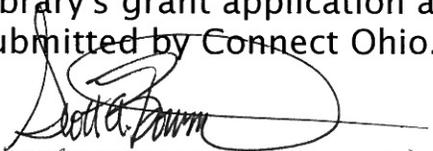
WHEREAS the Cardington-Lincoln Public Library wishes to participate in a statewide grant application for the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) funds for 40 laptop/desktop computers;

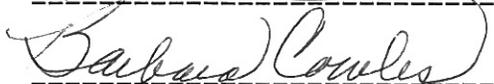
WHEREAS the Cardington-Lincoln Public Library will providing matching funds of at least \$125 each, for up to 40 computers granted to the State Library of Ohio's *Public Access through Libraries project* for a total cost of at least \$5,000;

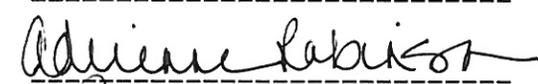
WHEREAS the Cardington-Lincoln Public Library wishes to participate in a statewide grant application for the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) funds for sustainable adoption of broadband through training, support services, and public awareness;

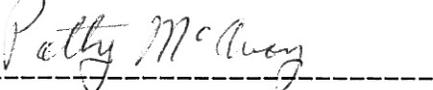
WHEREAS the Cardington-Lincoln Public Library will provide matching funds of \$4,723 to support Connect Ohio's *Public Adoption through Libraries project* for the provision of training, technical support, and public awareness;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees of the Cardington-Lincoln Public Library is in full support of the State Library's grant application and the complementary application submitted by Connect Ohio.















National Telecommunication and Information Administration
Lawrence Strickling, Administrator

Date: February 26, 2010

Dear Mr. Strickling,

The Mount Gilead Public Library acknowledges the fact that in order to bring necessary education, job creation, health information, delivery of government services, and a variety of social benefits to our citizens, it is critical that sufficient access to broadband services be widely available.

In addition, the library desires to help the community understand and make full use of these benefits by providing an adequate supply of computers, curriculum to ensure effective use, and a program which will help citizens to adopt broadband as an integral part of their daily lives.

Together with the State Library of Ohio and Connect Ohio, a non-profit public-private partnership established by the Governor of Ohio to promote the benefits and use of broadband, we have assessed the needs of Mount Gilead library to provide these services.

By providing a sufficient supply of modern computers, the State Library of Ohio's Public Access through Libraries project will enable our facilities to offer many of the benefits of broadband to our patrons. A recent survey conducted within our patron base concluded that fewer than 40% of the users at the libraries have broadband at home. This meets the NTIA's definition of underserved population, and it is clear that the access to broadband at the library meets a vital public need.

Further, we want to participate in the delivery of curriculum and training to these patrons, in order to ensure their eventual crossing of the digital divide. Connect Ohio's Adoption through Public Libraries project will enable this by providing training, technical support, public awareness, and a coherent strategy that can be executed statewide. Connect Ohio's application will provide more than 100 new training jobs and produce over 200,000 incremental connected households in Ohio over the next two years, if funded.

We are in full support of these programs and wish to participate as local outlets for learning, use, and adoption of broadband to close the digital divide.

I urge you to consider our community and its needs and to approve the applications made by the State Library of Ohio and by Connect Ohio for this important work.

Sincerely,

Mike Kirk
LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Resolved:

WHEREAS the Mount Gilead Public Library currently is in need of laptop/desktop computers at its location to meet the public demand;

WHEREAS the Mount Gilead Public Library acknowledges the public need for broadband training, support and awareness in order to promote and ensure sustained adoption of broadband services;

WHEREAS Mount Gilead Public Library wishes to participate in a statewide grant application for the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) funds for 32 laptop/desktop computers;

WHEREAS the Mount Gilead Public Library will providing matching funds of at least \$125 each, for up to 32 computers granted to the State Library of Ohio's *Public Access through Libraries project* for a total cost of at least \$4,000;

WHEREAS the Mount Gilead Public Library wishes to participate in a statewide grant application for the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) funds for sustainable adoption of broadband through training, support services, and public awareness;

WHEREAS the Mount Gilead Public Library will provide matching funds of \$3,785 to support Connect Ohio's *Public Adoption through Libraries project* for the provision of training, technical support, and public awareness;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees of Mount Gilead Public Library is in full support of the State Library's grant application and the complementary application submitted by Connect Ohio.

National Telecommunication and Information Administration
Lawrence Strickling, Administrator

Date: February 26, 2010

Dear Mr. Strickling,

The Selover Public Library acknowledges the fact that in order to bring necessary education, job creation, health information, delivery of government services, and a variety of social benefits to our citizens, it is critical that sufficient access to broadband services be widely available.

In addition, the library desires to help the community understand and make full use of these benefits by providing an adequate supply of computers, curriculum to ensure effective use, and a program which will help citizens to adopt broadband as an integral part of their daily lives.

Together with the State Library of Ohio and Connect Ohio, a non-profit public-private partnership established by the Governor of Ohio to promote the benefits and use of broadband, we have assessed the needs of Selover library to provide these services.

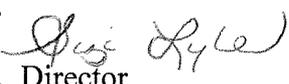
By providing a sufficient supply of modern computers, the State Library of Ohio's Public Access through Libraries project will enable our facilities to offer many of the benefits of broadband to our patrons. A recent survey conducted within our patron base concluded that fewer than 40% of the users at the libraries have broadband at home. This meets the NTIA's definition of underserved population, and it is clear that the access to broadband at the library meets a vital public need.

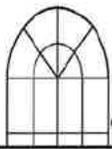
Further, we want to participate in the delivery of curriculum and training to these patrons, in order to ensure their eventual crossing of the digital divide. Connect Ohio's Adoption through Public Libraries project will enable this by providing training, technical support, public awareness, and a coherent strategy that can be executed statewide. Connect Ohio's application will provide more than 100 new training jobs and produce over 200,000 incremental connected households in Ohio over the next two years, if funded.

We are in full support of these programs and wish to participate as local outlets for learning, use, and adoption of broadband to close the digital divide.

I urge you to consider our community and its needs and to approve the applications made by the State Library of Ohio and by Connect Ohio for this important work.

Sincerely,


Suzi Lyle, Director
Selover Public Library
Chesterville, Ohio 43317



Perry County District Library

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March 1, 2010

Connect Ohio

Attn: Tom Fritz, Executive Director
232 N. 3rd Street, Suite 201
Columbus, OH 43215

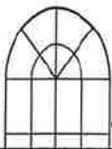
Dear Mr. Fritz:

Enclosed you will find copies of both the board resolution and the director's letter of support for the ARRA applications (OPAL I and OPAL II). Please notify me if you need additional information from our library system.

Thank you for your assistance in this process.

Sincerely,

Melissa Marolt
Director



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February 26, 2010

National Telecommunication and Information Administration
Lawrence Strickling, Administrator
Herbert C. Hoover Building (HCHB)
U.S. Department of Commerce / NTIA
1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Strickling,

The Perry County District Library acknowledges the fact that in order to bring necessary education, job creation, health information, delivery of government services, and a variety of social benefits to our citizens, it is critical that sufficient access to broadband services be widely available.

In addition, the library desires to help the community understand and make full use of these benefits by providing an adequate supply of computers, curriculum to ensure effective use, and a program which will help citizens to adopt broadband as an integral part of their daily lives.

Together with the State Library of Ohio and Connect Ohio, a non-profit public-private partnership established by the Governor of Ohio to promote the benefits and use of broadband, we have assessed the needs of Perry County District library to provide these services.

By providing a sufficient supply of modern computers, the State Library of Ohio's Public Access through Libraries project will enable our facilities to offer many of the benefits of broadband to our patrons. A recent survey conducted within our patron base concluded that fewer than 40% of the users at the libraries have broadband at home. This meets the NTIA's definition of underserved population, and it is clear that the access to broadband at the library meets a vital public need.

Further, we want to participate in the delivery of curriculum and training to these patrons, in order to ensure their eventual crossing of the digital divide. Connect Ohio's Adoption through Public Libraries project will enable this by providing training, technical support, public awareness, and a coherent strategy that can be executed statewide. Connect Ohio's application will provide more than 100 new training jobs and produce over 200,000 incremental connected households in Ohio over the next two years, if funded.

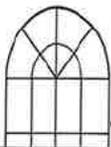
We are in full support of these programs and wish to participate as local outlets for learning, use, and adoption of broadband to close the digital divide.

I urge you to consider our community and its needs and to approve the applications made by the State Library of Ohio and by Connect Ohio for this important work.

Sincerely,

Melissa A. Marolt

Director



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February 24, 2010

Perry County District Library

Resolution 04-10: Moved by Lucinda Yinger, seconded by Larry Roberts to approve. All yeas in roll call vote.

Resolved:

WHEREAS the Perry County District Library currently is in need of laptop/desktop computers at its six locations to meet the public demand;

WHEREAS the Perry County District Library acknowledges the public need for broadband training, support and awareness in order to promote and ensure sustained adoption of broadband services;

WHEREAS Perry County District Library wishes to participate in a statewide grant application for the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) funds for 46 laptop/desktop computers;

WHEREAS the Perry County District Library will provide matching funds of at least \$125 each, for up to 46 computers granted to the State Library of Ohio's *Public Access through Libraries project* for a total cost of at least \$5,750.00;

WHEREAS the Perry County District Library wishes to participate in a statewide grant application for the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) funds for sustainable adoption of broadband through self-directed training and public awareness;

WHEREAS the Perry County District Library will provide matching funds of \$1,508.00 to support Connect Ohio's *Public Adoption through Libraries project* for the provision of self-directed training and public awareness;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees of Perry County District Library is in full support of the State Library's grant application and the complementary application submitted by Connect Ohio.

RESOLUTION #14-10

WHEREAS The Garnet A. Wilson Public Library of Pike County currently is in need of laptop computers at its 4 locations to meet the public demand;

WHEREAS The Garnet A. Wilson Public Library of Pike County acknowledges the public need for broadband training, support and awareness in order to promote and ensure sustained adoption of broadband services;

WHEREAS Garnet A. Wilson Public Library of Pike County wishes to participate in a statewide grant application for the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA)

Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) funds for 21 laptop computers;

WHEREAS the Garnet A. Wilson Public Library of Pike County will be providing matching funds of at least \$125 each, for up to 21 computers granted to the State Library of Ohio's /Public Access through Libraries project/ for a total cost of at least \$2,625.00;

WHEREAS the Garnet A. Wilson Public Library of wishes to participate in a statewide grant application for the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) funds for sustainable adoption of broadband through training, support services, and public awareness;

WHEREAS the Garnet A. Wilson Public Library of Pike County will provide matching funds of up to \$11,677.00 to support Connect Ohio's Public /Adoption through Libraries project /for the provision of training, technical support, and public awareness;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees of Garnet A. Wilson Public Library of Pike County is in full support of the State Library's grant application and the complementary application submitted by Connect Ohio. Mr. Gregory so moved, seconded by Mrs. Rittenour. Roll call vote taken: Mr. Gregory, yes; Mrs. Rittenour, yes; Mrs. Schrader, yes; Mr. Cooper, yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #15-10

Be it resolved that The Board of Trustees of The Garnet A. Wilson Public Library of Pike County commit \$2,625 as a match for 21 laptop computers from the ARRA Public Computing Center Grant being submitted by the State Library of Ohio on behalf of the Ohio public libraries. The Garnet A. Wilson Public Library of Pike County will use the match and federal funds to purchase 21 public access computers for the system. Whereas, a total of \$2,625.00 shall be transferred from 8999 (Unallocated) to 5510 (Furniture and Equipment).

Mrs. Rittenour so moved, seconded by Mrs. Schrader. Roll call vote taken: Mrs. Rittenour, yes; Mrs. Schrader, yes, Mr. Gregory, yes; Mr.

Cooper, yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #16-10

Be it resolved that The Board of Trustees of The Garnet A. Wilson Public Library of Pike County commit up to \$11,677.00 from line item 1140 (Office and Clerical) as matching funds for the ARRA Public Computer Center Grant training, technical support and public outreach being submitted by Connect Ohio on behalf of Public Libraries in Ohio. Mrs. Schrader so moved, seconded by Mr. Gregory. Roll call vote taken: Mrs. Schrader, yes, Mr. Gregory, yes; Mrs. Rittenour, yes; Mr. Cooper, yes. Motion carried.

There was a discussion regarding the Library being represented at The Dogwood Festival in April and possibly in the parade.

Mrs. Mary Van Meter was presented a plaque in appreciation of her service, dedication and hard work serving on the board since 1982. She continues to serve as a member of The Friends of the Library.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:38, upon a motion made by Mr. Gregory.

Attest: _____ Approve: _____

Rose Schrader Harold Cooper

Secretary, Pro-tem President

Attest: _____

Pam Justice

Fiscal Officer

National Telecommunication and Information Administration
Lawrence Strickling, Administrator

Date: February 26, 2010

Dear Mr. Strickling,

The Garnet A. Wilson Public Library of Pike County acknowledges the fact that in order to bring necessary education, job creation, health information, delivery of government services, and a variety of social benefits to our citizens, it is critical that sufficient access to broadband services be widely available.

In addition, the library desires to help the community understand and make full use of these benefits by providing an adequate supply of computers, curriculum to ensure effective use, and a program which will help citizens to adopt broadband as an integral part of their daily lives.

Together with the State Library of Ohio and Connect Ohio, a non-profit public-private partnership established by the Governor of Ohio to promote the benefits and use of broadband, we have assessed the needs of the Garnet A. Wilson Public Library of Pike County to provide these services.

By providing a sufficient supply of modern computers, the State Library of Ohio's Public Access through Libraries project will enable our facilities to offer many of the benefits of broadband to our patrons. A recent survey conducted within our patron base concluded that fewer than 40% of the users at the libraries have broadband at home. This meets the NTIA's definition of underserved population, and it is clear that the access to broadband at the library meets a vital public need.

Further, we want to participate in the delivery of curriculum and training to these patrons, in order to ensure their eventual crossing of the digital divide. Connect Ohio's Adoption through Public Libraries project will enable this by providing training, technical support, public awareness, and a coherent strategy that can be executed statewide. Connect Ohio's application will provide more than 100 new training jobs and produce over 200,000 incremental connected households in Ohio over the next two years, if funded.

We are in full support of these programs and wish to participate as local outlets for learning, use, and adoption of broadband to close the digital divide.

I urge you to consider our community and its needs and to approve the applications made by the State Library of Ohio and by Connect Ohio for this important work.

Sincerely,
Thomas Adkins
LIBRARY DIRECTOR

National Telecommunication and Information Administration
Lawrence Strickling, Administrator

Date: February 26, 2010

Dear Mr. Strickling,

The Portage County District Library acknowledges the fact that in order to bring necessary education, job creation, health information, delivery of government services, and a variety of social benefits to our citizens, it is critical that sufficient access to broadband services be widely available.

In addition, the library desires to help the community understand and make full use of these benefits by providing an adequate supply of computers, curriculum to ensure effective use, and a program which will help citizens to adopt broadband as an integral part of their daily lives.

Together with the State Library of Ohio and Connect Ohio, a non-profit public-private partnership established by the Governor of Ohio to promote the benefits and use of broadband, we have assessed the needs of Portage County District Library to provide these services.

By providing a sufficient supply of modern computers, the State Library of Ohio's Public Access through Libraries project will enable our facilities to offer many of the benefits of broadband to our patrons. A recent survey conducted within our patron base concluded that fewer than 40% of the users at the libraries have broadband at home. This meets the NTIA's definition of underserved population, and it is clear that the access to broadband at the library meets a vital public need.

Further, we want to participate in the delivery of curriculum and training to these patrons, in order to ensure their eventual crossing of the digital divide. Connect Ohio's Adoption through Public Libraries project will enable this by providing training, technical support, public awareness, and a coherent strategy that can be executed statewide. Connect Ohio's application will provide more than 100 new training jobs and produce over 200,000 incremental connected households in Ohio over the next two years, if funded.

We are in full support of these programs and wish to participate as local outlets for learning, use, and adoption of broadband to close the digital divide.

I urge you to consider our community and its needs and to approve the applications made by the State Library of Ohio and by Connect Ohio for this important work.

Sincerely,

Cecilia Swanson, Library Director



Preble County District

LIBRARY

PREBLE COUNTY DISTRICT LIBRARY
ADMINISTRATION & RESOURCE CENTER
450 SOUTH BARRON STREET
EATON OH 45320-2402
(937) 456-4250 PHONE
(937) 456-6092 FAX
pcdllibrary@oplin.org

February 25, 2010

Resolved:

WHEREAS the Preble County District Library currently is in need of laptop/desktop computers at its eight locations to meet the public demand;

WHEREAS the Preble County District Library acknowledges the public need for broadband training, support and awareness in order to promote and ensure sustained adoption of broadband services;

WHEREAS Preble County District Library wishes to participate in a statewide grant application for the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) funds for 15 laptop/desktop computers;

WHEREAS the Preble County District Library will providing matching funds of at least \$125 each, for up to 15 computers granted to the State Library of Ohio's *Public Access through Libraries project* for a total cost of at least \$1875.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees of Preble County District Library is in full support of the State Library's grant application and the complementary application submitted by Connect Ohio.

Fritz, Tom

From: Fritz, Tom
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2010 4:37 PM
To: Takach, Rachelle
Subject: FW: OPAL II Grant

Tom Fritz
Executive Director
Connect Ohio
tfritz@connectohio.org
www.connectohio.org

-----Original Message-----

From: Kelly Ward [mailto:wardke@oplin.org]
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2010 4:04 PM
To: Fritz, Tom
Subject: OPAL II Grant

Tom,

Thank you so much for taking the time to talk with me today. As per our conversation, the Board of the Putnam County District Library can not meet until Wednesday, March 2, 2010 to discuss the OPAL II Grant. If the Board determines that this project is feasible, we would be match the advertising campaign at 30%. The total cost would be \$1494.60. We would provide instructors and training in-house as well as technical support. Furthermore, all of the above depends on broadband being delivered to ALL 8 of our library locations. Currently, we do not know if it is available in 7 of our communities. This was never investigated in the past because of the huge costs associated with providing this level of internet connectivity.

Kelly Ward
Director
Putnam County District Library
419-523-3747
419-523-6229 - office
[REDACTED] - cell

Chillicothe & Ross County Public Library

P.O. Box 185, 140-146 South Paint Street, Chillicothe, OH 45601-0185

March 10, 2010

Resolution 15-10

Northside
Branch Library
550 Buckeye St.
Chillicothe,
OH 45601
740-702-4100

ARRA GRANT APPLICATION

Mrs. Lester moved adoption of the following resolution.

Whereas the Chillicothe and Ross County Public Library is in need of twenty desktop computers for a computer lab to be placed at Northside Branch to meet the public demand;

Howard S. Young
Branch Library
167 Springfield St.
Frankfort,
OH 45628
740-702-4175

Whereas the Chillicothe and Ross County Public Library acknowledges the public need for broadband training, support, and awareness in order to promote and ensure sustained adoption of broadband services;

Kingston
Branch Library
17 Main St.
Kingston,
OH 45644
740-702-4180

Whereas the Chillicothe and Ross County Public Library wishes to participate in a statewide grant application for the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) funds for twenty desktop computers;

Paxton
Branch Library
204 N. Quarry St.
Bainbridge,
OH 45612
740-702-4185

Whereas the Chillicothe and Ross County Public Library will provide matching funds of \$125 each for up to twenty computers granted to the State Library of Ohio's *Public Access through Libraries project* for a total cost of \$2500, on condition that the May 4, 2010 Ross County library levy passes and the Northside Branch is able to reopen;

Richmond Dale
Branch Library
770 Main St.
Richmond Dale,
OH 45673
740-702-4190

Whereas Chillicothe and Ross County Public Library will provide matching funds to support ConnectOhio's *Public Adoption Through Libraries project* for the provision of training, technical support, and public awareness, estimated at \$9/hour matching funds for up to 2000 hours of training, again conditioned on successful passage of the May 4 Ross County library levy;

South Salem
Branch Library
4297 Broadway St.
South Salem,
OH 45681
937-981-2400

Now therefore be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Chillicothe and Ross County Public Library is in full support of the State Library's grant application and the complementary application submitted by ConnectOhio.

Mr. Wade seconded and the roll being called, the vote resulted as follows:

Mrs. Lester	Y	Ms. Fried	Y	Mrs. Vollmar	Y
Mr. Wade	Y	Mr. Williamson	Y	Mrs. Lowe	Y

**RESOLUTION
IN SUPPORT OF THE STATEWIDE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE'S NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS
INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION BROADBAND TECHNOLOGY
OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM**

Resolved:

WHEREAS, the Portsmouth Public Library currently is in need of laptop/desktop computers at its six locations to meet the public demand;

WHEREAS, the Portsmouth Public Library acknowledges the public need for broadband training, support and awareness in order to promote and ensure sustained adoption of broadband services;

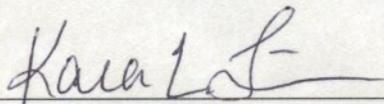
WHEREAS, Portsmouth Public Library wishes to participate in a statewide grant application for the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) funds for 144 laptop/desktop computers;

WHEREAS, the Portsmouth Public Library will providing matching funds of at least \$125 each, for up to 144 computers granted to the State Library of Ohio's *Public Access through Libraries project* for a total cost of at least \$18,000;

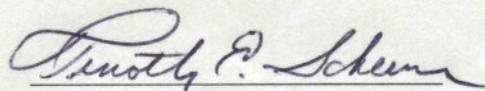
WHEREAS, the Portsmouth Public Library wishes to participate in a statewide grant application for the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) funds for sustainable adoption of broadband through training, support services, and public awareness;

WHEREAS, the Portsmouth Public Library will provide matching funds of \$32,318 to support Connect Ohio's *Public Adoption through Libraries project* for the provision of training, technical support, and public awareness;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Portsmouth Public Library is in full support of the State Library's grant application and the complementary application submitted by Connect Ohio.



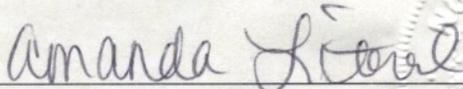
Kara Tieman, President



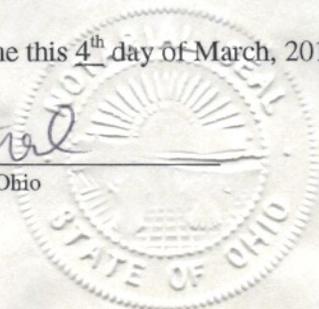
Dr. Timothy Scheurer, Secretary

State of Ohio, County of Scioto

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of March, 2010.



Amanda Literal, Notary Public, State of Ohio
My Commission Expires June 19, 2013



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Notary Public, State of Ohio
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Connect Ohio
Tom Fritz, Executive Director

Date: March 2, 2010

Dear Mr. Fritz,

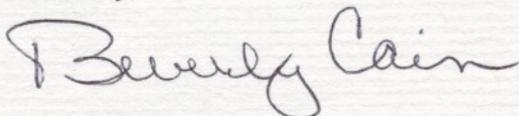
The Portsmouth Public Library wishes to participate in the statewide grant application for the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) funds for sustainable adoption of broadband through training, support services and public awareness.

The Portsmouth Public Library will provide matching funds of up to \$32,318 to support Connect Ohio's Public Adoption through Libraries Project for the provision of training and public awareness. The library wishes to use our staff for the training, if possible. This would provide our community with new jobs and supply the training needs for the six participating locations in Scioto County.

We plan to provide our own technical support for the project, and are waiving the technical support component. Therefore, there is no match commitment for technical support.

The Library is in full support of this project, as well as the State Library of Ohio's complementary grant.

Sincerely,



Beverly Cain
Director, Portsmouth Public Library

Director Beverly Cain

Board of Trustees Lana Perry • Kara Tieman • Ruthann Brush • Ralph Clay • Jerry Jenkins • Lynn Grimshaw

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Alesia Kotcamp

Clerk-Treasurer Linda Woods-Jones

W. Gordon Ryan Library
103 State Route 728
Lucasville, Ohio 45648

Vernal G. Riffe Library
3850 Rhodes Avenue
New Boston, Ohio 45662

South Webster Library
496 Webster Street
South Webster, Ohio 45682

Wheelerburg Library
10745 Old Gallia Pike
Wheelerburg, Ohio 45694

Northwest Branch Library
Room #12
13056 State Route 73
McDermott, Ohio 45652

National Telecommunication and Information Administration
Lawrence Strickling, Administrator

Date: February 26, 2010

Dear Mr. Strickling,

The Tiffin-Seneca Public Library acknowledges the fact that in order to bring necessary education, job creation, health information, delivery of government services, and a variety of social benefits to our citizens, it is critical that sufficient access to broadband services be widely available.

In addition, the library desires to help the community understand and make full use of these benefits by providing an adequate supply of computers, curriculum to ensure effective use, and a program which will help citizens to adopt broadband as an integral part of their daily lives.

Together with the State Library of Ohio and Connect Ohio, a non-profit public-private partnership established by the Governor of Ohio to promote the benefits and use of broadband, we have assessed the needs of Tiffin-Seneca Public library to provide these services.

By providing a sufficient supply of modern computers, the State Library of Ohio's Public Access through Libraries project will enable our facilities to offer many of the benefits of broadband to our patrons. A recent survey conducted within our patron base concluded that fewer than 40% of the users at the libraries have broadband at home. This meets the NTIA's definition of underserved population, and it is clear that the access to broadband at the library meets a vital public need.

Further, we want to participate in the delivery of curriculum and training to these patrons, in order to ensure their eventual crossing of the digital divide. Connect Ohio's Adoption through Public Libraries project will enable this by providing training, technical support, public awareness, and a coherent strategy that can be executed statewide. Connect Ohio's application will provide more than 100 new training jobs and produce over 200,000 incremental connected households in Ohio over the next two years, if funded.

We are in full support of these programs and wish to participate as local outlets for learning, use, and adoption of broadband to close the digital divide.

I urge you to consider our community and its needs and to approve the applications made by the State Library of Ohio and by Connect Ohio for this important work.

Sincerely,

LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Karen A. Culp

Seneca East Public Library
14 N. Main St., P.O. Box 572 Attica, Ohio 44807
419-426-3825 (Ph) 419-426-3701 (Fx)

National Telecommunication and Information Administration
Lawrence Strickling, Administrator

Date: March 5, 2010

Dear Mr. Strickling,

The Seneca East Public Library acknowledges the fact that in order to bring necessary education, job creation, health information, delivery of government services, and a variety of social benefits to our citizens, it is critical that sufficient access to broadband services be widely available.

In addition, the library desires to help the community understand and make full use of these benefits by providing an adequate supply of computers, curriculum to ensure effective use, and a program which will help citizens to adopt broadband as an integral part of their daily lives.

Together with the State Library of Ohio and Connect Ohio, a non-profit public-private partnership established by the Governor of Ohio to promote the benefits and use of broadband, we have assessed the needs of Seneca East Public Library to provide these services.

By providing a sufficient supply of modern computers, the State Library of Ohio's Public Access through Libraries project will enable our facilities to offer many of the benefits of broadband to our patrons. A recent survey conducted within our patron base concluded that fewer than 40% of the users at the libraries have broadband at home. This meets the NTIA's definition of underserved population, and it is clear that the access to broadband at the library meets a vital public need.

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I urge you to consider our community and its needs and to approve the applications made by the State Library of Ohio and by Connect Ohio for this important work.

Sincerely,

Barbara Bayer
LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Fritz, Tom

From: Barb Bayer [bayerba@oplin.org]
Sent: Friday, March 05, 2010 11:00 AM
To: Fritz, Tom
Cc: Takach, Rachelle
Subject: connect ohio grant
Attachments: Library Director Participation and Support Letter.doc

The Seneca East Public Library would like to be included in the Connect Ohio Grant. We are asking for funds for a training budget - 30 hours over a 2 year period at \$45 per hour, with us providing \$12 per hour so we are committing to \$405 as matching funds. We also are willing to pay \$124 to be part of the advertising campaign. So our total committment for this is \$529. Our Board of Trustees meet on March 15th and they will enact a formal resolution to the above at that point and I will get that to you ASAP.

Attached is the letter of support you requested.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend Rachelle on her exceptional, professional help.

Barbara Bayer, Director
Seneca East Public Library
14 N. Main St., P.O. Box 572
Attica, Ohio 44807
419-426-3825 (P)

Fritz, Tom

From: Fritz, Tom
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2010 5:27 PM
To: Takach, Rachelle
Subject: FW: OPAL II
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Shelby.

Tom Fritz

Executive Director

Connect Ohio

tfritz@connectohio.org

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From: Suzanne Cline [mailto:clinesu@oplin.org]
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2010 4:35 PM
To: Fritz, Tom
Subject: OPAL II

Tom,

Shelby County Libraries is interested in participating in the OPAL II grant. We would be willing to have the self directed training modules on our workstations at all 6 of our locations. We would also be willing to provide several trainings throughout the year by a Connect Ohio staff (or the third party trainer you suggested in the webinar). We are fortunate to be close to Edison Community College, though it is in Miami County, not Shelby. I know you mentioned the possibility of depending on colleges for possible trainers. I am sure Edison would be willing to work with you on this. I have already contacted Missy Lodge at the State Library with our equipment request. We would be willing to provide the 30% match for our portion of the training. I understand that I need to send a board resolution and will do so by the date requested. If there is anything further I need to do, please let me know.

Thank You,

Suzanne Cline

Executive Director

Shelby County Libraries

Amos Memorial
(937) 492- 8354

clinesu@oplin.org

Resolved:

WHEREAS the Massillon Public Library currently is in need of laptop/desktop computers at its Massillon and Navarre locations to meet the public demand;

WHEREAS the Massillon Public Library acknowledges the public need for broadband training, support and awareness in order to promote and ensure sustained adoption of broadband services;

WHEREAS Massillon Public Library wishes to participate in a statewide grant application for the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) funds for 36 laptop computers;

WHEREAS the Massillon Public Library will providing matching funds of at least \$125 each, for up to 36 computers granted to the State Library of Ohio's *Public Access through Libraries project* for a total cost of at least \$6,480;

WHEREAS the Massillon Public Library wishes to participate in a statewide grant application for the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) funds for sustainable adoption of broadband through training, support services, and public awareness;

WHEREAS the Massillon Public Library will provide matching funds of \$6,480 to support Connect Ohio's *Public Adoption through Libraries project* for the provision of training, technical support, and public awareness;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees of Massillon Public Library is in full support of the State Library's grant application and the complementary application submitted by Connect Ohio.

Approved by Massillon Public Library Board of Trustees,
Massillon, OH, at its regular meeting Feb. 25, 2010.

Kathleen A. Green
Kathleen Hickey Green, Vice Pres.

2-25-10

Date

Patricia J. Beane
Patricia J. Beane Secretary

2-25-10



Massillon Public Library

Established 1899

National Telecommunication and Information Administration
Lawrence Strickling, Administrator

Date: February 26, 2010

Dear Mr. Strickling,

The Massillon Public Library acknowledges the fact that in order to bring necessary education, job creation, health information, delivery of government services, and a variety of social benefits to our citizens, it is critical that sufficient access to broadband services be widely available.

In addition, the library desires to help the community understand and make full use of these benefits by providing an adequate supply of computers, curriculum to ensure effective use, and a program which will help citizens to adopt broadband as an integral part of their daily lives.

Together with the State Library of Ohio and Connect Ohio, a non-profit public-private partnership established by the Governor of Ohio to promote the benefits and use of broadband, we have assessed the needs of Massillon library to provide these services.

By providing a sufficient supply of modern computers, the State Library of Ohio's Public Access through Libraries project will enable our facilities to offer many of the benefits of broadband to our patrons. A recent survey conducted within our patron base concluded that fewer than 40% of the users at the libraries have broadband at home. This meets the NTIA's definition of underserved population, and it is clear that the access to broadband at the library meets a vital public need.

Further, we want to participate in the delivery of curriculum and training to these patrons, in order to ensure their eventual crossing of the digital divide. Connect Ohio's Adoption through Public Libraries project will enable this by providing training, technical support, public awareness, and a coherent strategy that can be executed statewide. Connect Ohio's application will provide more than 100 new training jobs and produce over 200,000 incremental connected households in Ohio over the next two years, if funded.

We are in full support of these programs and wish to participate as local outlets for learning, use, and adoption of broadband to close the digital divide.

www.massillonlibrary.org

208 Lincoln Way East • Massillon, Ohio 44646-8416

Main 330.832.9831 • Children's Room 330.832.5037 • Fax 330.830.2182 • Brewster 330.767.9939 • Barry Askren Memorial 330.879.2113

To: Lawrence Strickling
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2/26/10

I urge you to consider our community and its needs and to approve the applications made by the State Library of Ohio and by Connect Ohio for this important work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Camille J. Leslie". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Camille J. Leslie
LIBRARY DIRECTOR



305 Wick Ave., Youngstown, OH 44503

Carlton A. Sears, Director

National Telecommunication and Information Administration
Lawrence Strickling, Administrator

Date: February 26, 2010

Dear Mr. Strickling,

The Public Library of Youngstown & Mahoning County acknowledges the fact that in order to bring necessary education, job creation, health information, delivery of government services, and a variety of social benefits to our citizens, it is critical that sufficient access to broadband services be widely available.

In addition, the library desires to help the community understand and make full use of these benefits by providing an adequate supply of computers, curriculum to ensure effective use, and a program which will help citizens to adopt broadband as an integral part of their daily lives.

Together with the State Library of Ohio and Connect Ohio, a non-profit public-private partnership established by the Governor of Ohio to promote the benefits and use of broadband, we have assessed the needs of the Public Library of Youngstown & Mahoning County to provide these services.

By providing a sufficient supply of modern computers, the State Library of Ohio's Public Access through Libraries project will enable our facilities to offer many of the benefits of broadband to our patrons. A recent survey conducted within our patron base concluded that fewer than 40% of the users at the libraries have broadband at home. This meets the NTIA's definition of underserved population, and it is clear that the access to broadband at the library meets a vital public need.

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I urge you to consider our community and its needs and to approve the applications made by the State Library of Ohio and by Connect Ohio for this important work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carlton A. Sears".

Carlton A. Sears
Director

Contact Information for Participating Library Partners - OPAL II

System	Last Name	First Name	Address	City	State	Zip	Phone	Email
[Redacted Content]								