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Hi Faith,

I am writing to the Senate Committee on Finance regarding Vermont's emergency broadband access.

The current situation is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Vermont to take a giant leap forward. We are a "clean and green state" in many respects. As a result, Vermont is an ideal destination for many of those who would like to move out of crowded, urban areas due to COVID-19 and the fear of future, similar occurrences. Our ability to support these folks in transition relies heavily on broadband access. Not just in Chittenden County, but statewide. Individuals, couples, and families with the ability to freely select their "home base" are those who work in sectors that rely heavily on broadband - the tech sector specifically (amongst others). From my point of view - this is the exact type of resident we want to attract due to their higher than average income and low environmental impact. Great for local business, great for the Green Mountains.

This is an unprecedented event in our lifetime and the immediate future favors the bold. Please don't allow our state to stagnate - this investment will fuel our future as an ideal destination for the work-from-home capable.

Thank you for your time,  
Sean Slattery  
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