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Senator Bray, Chair
Senate Natural Resources and Energy Committee

RE: Support for S. 100

Dear Senator Bray and members of the Committee,

The Vermont Communications Union District Association (VCUDA) is pleased to support the utility-related language in S. 100. The House version supports important improvements that will expedite infrastructure improvements throughout Vermont. In addition to expediting work for electric-grid modernization and resiliency, the bill also provides an opportunity for coordinated broadband resiliency and expansion as “related facilities.”

Details related to efficient implementation and coordination of the broadband rollout with the grid resiliency efforts are part of a discussion that the Department of Public Service has proposed in June.

We support S. 100 and urge its adoption.

Sincerely,



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