From: Galla, Michael
To: Tim Carroll

Subject: Comcast GAP Funding Application Draft Support Letter

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Tim,

Below is the letter referenced at this mornings MV Committee meeting. Please feel free to use verbatim or amend as you see fit. Thank you for the Town's support of Comcast's application.

DATE

Re: MBI Broadband Infrastructure Gap Networks Grant Program

To whom it may concern,

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts through its Capital Projects Fund has established the Broadband Infrastructure Gap Networks Grant Program. This program will fund broadband to unserved areas and the Town of Chilmark is very happy to hear that Comcast is planning to submit an application.

Comcast is an extremely valuable company and partner within the Town of Chilmark which relies heavily upon Comcast's infrastructure. They have continually invested in their network providing a fast, secure and reliable product that can meet the growing business and residential needs. Comcast services proved critical during the Covid pandemic. The community was able to successfully transition to remote learning and working by utilizing Comcast's robust network. Broadband continues to be integral to our community's needs and Comcast is the best company to provide the "last mile" connections.

We highly support Comcast's Broadband Infrastructure Gap Networks Grant Program application and recommend they receive the funding needed to connect unserved residents within the Town of Chilmark.

Thank you,

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