



**Southwest Region Planning Commission**  
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Matthew Conserva, Broadband Program Manager  
Business and Economic Affairs  
Office of Broadband Initiatives  
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RE: Broadband, Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) Program Comments

Dear Mr. Conserva:

Please see the attached comments regarding the State's Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) Program initial proposal documents. Note that the remarks are not comprehensive. Comments emphasize several priority topics, including the designation of additional community anchor institutions, performance measurement, and digital equity. They also address other aspects of the draft plan that deserve additional consideration.

We hope that these comments will assist the State to undertake this effort in a way that benefits both Southwest NH and the State as a whole. Please contact me at 603-357-0557 or [hunderwood@swrpc.org](mailto:hunderwood@swrpc.org) if you would like to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Henry Underwood". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Henry Underwood  
Senior Planner

Attachment

Cc: Monadnock Broadband Group (e-mail)

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