



April 16, 2014

Honorable Jeff Krauss
Mayor
City of Bozeman, Montana
121 North Rouse Avenue
Bozeman, Montana 59771-1230

Dear Honorable Mayor,

The Bozeman Area Chamber of Commerce is enthusiastic to support the Bozeman Broadband Initiative and its development of a comprehensive master plan for a community fiber optic network. Bozeman is the business, retail and cultural center of southwest Montana. As we work to promote economic diversification, attract new business and grow existing business, it is essential for us to build infrastructure that will drive future growth.

Affordable broadband access is essential to the health of our community. Technology firms, banks, businesses, and startups require fast, reliable, and secure connections to their clients. Broadband connectivity is presently only available at high prices or at disparate locations. We believe that increasing the availability of affordable broadband is essential to well-being of this community and we are invested in making this critical infrastructure widely available.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with the City of Bozeman and the completion of the master planning process.

Respectfully,

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Daryl W. Schliem
President and CEO
Bozeman Area Chamber of Commerce

CC: Deputy Mayor – Carson Taylor
City Commissioner – Cyndy Andrus
City Commissioner – Chris Mehl
City Commissioner – I-Ho Pomeroy
City Manager – Chris Kukulski