

November 30, 2024

Tamarah Holmes, Ph.D., Director Office of Broadband Department of Housing and Community Development 600 East Main Street, Suite 300 Richmond, Virginia 23219

RE: Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Letter of Intent

Dear Dr. Holmes

Port 80 Internet Services, LLC (Port 80) appreciates the opportunity to express our intent to seek Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) funding.

Port 80 is a partnership between two firms (Hosted Backbone, LLC and McMichael and McMichael Investigative Services LLC) which was started over seven years ago out of a need to provide broadband in unserved rural areas. Together, these two firms bring our independent specialties together to provide rural broadband services as Port 80 in select areas of Virginia that would otherwise likely still be unserved at this time.

To date, Port 80 has successfully deployed broadband services funded by our own internal investments (since fully repaid), community funding, CARES Act funding, and a VATI grant. We are nimble in our decision making as a regional provider and lack layers of middle management and bureaucracy which allows us to respond quickly, leveraging our sound business practices and intelligent design. We also perform nearly all services in-house or by our affiliated companies which provide the highest level of control and accountability.

Please see the attached list of cities and counties in the Commonwealth in which Port 80 has interest in applying for BEAD. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Evan S. Weiner Managing Member & Co-Owner

Keith McMichael Co-Owner

Attachment List of Cities and Counties of Interest

Accomack Albemarle Alexandria Alleghany Amelia Amherst Appomattox Arlington Augusta Bath Bedford Bland Botetourt Bristol Brunswick Buchanan Buckingham Buena Vista Campbell Caroline Carroll **Charles City** Charlotte Charlottesville Chesapeake Chesterfield Clarke Colonial Heights Covington Craig Culpeper Cumberland Danville Dickenson Dinwiddie Emporia Essex Fairfax Fairfax City Falls Church

Fauguier Flovd Fluvanna Franklin County Franklin-City Frederick Fredericksburg Galax Giles Gloucester Goochland Grayson Greene Greensville Halifax Hampton Hanover Harrisonburg Henrico Henry Highland Hopewell Isle Of Wight James City King And Queen King George King William Lancaster Lee Lexington Loudoun Louisa Lunenburg Lynchburg Madison Manassas Manassas Park Martinsville Mathews Mecklenburg

Middlesex Montgomery Nelson New Kent Newport News Norfolk Northampton Northumberland Norton Nottoway Orange Page Patrick Petersburg Pittsylvania Poquoson Portsmouth Powhatan Prince Edward **Prince George** Prince William Pulaski Radford Rappahannock Richmond Countv Richmond-City Roanoke County Roanoke-City Rockbridge Rockingham Russell Salem Scott Shenandoah Smyth Southampton Spotsylvania Stafford Staunton

Suffolk Surry Sussex Tazewell Virginia Beach Warren Washington Waynesboro Westmoreland Williamsburg Winchester Wise Wythe York