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Dear Town Administrators, Select Board Members, Treasurers and Broadband Committee Members:

We are very excited to work with you as we expand broadband in unserved communities in Western MA and are very pleased that there has been great progress this summer regarding the Last Mile Broadband project.

We are delighted that the Baker-Polito Administration has shown great commitment to the project by allocating up to \$19 million dollars in the FY2016 Capital Budget Plan and that 22 of the 44 unserved communities in Western Mass voted in favor of securing municipal bonds to cover the town's share of Last Mile expansion costs.

We would like to share the MBI's revised Last Mile Program Policy, which was recently approved by the MBI Board of Directors and the Mass Tech Collaborative Executive Committee on July 30, 2015.

Included in the policy is important information regarding MBI roles and responsibilities, town eligibility, financial allocation, and next steps. Although we realize you may already be familiar with some of this information, we felt it important to update the document with questions frequently asked of the MBI.

We are committed to working with you to design and construct networks that will be durable, sustainable municipally-owned assets for your community. Building off of the state's landmark investment in the **MassBroadband 123** middle – mile network we are sure that together we can build assets that will benefit your town for years to come.

We appreciate your commitment to the Last Mile effort and look forward to working with you in partnership as we move into Fiscal Year 2016.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us at any time.

Best,

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