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Ms. Anna Gomez
Deputy Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
US Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW
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Dear Deputy Assistant Secretary Gomez:

On behalf of the US Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation, founded in 1984 to represent the Asian American community in the United States, I applaud the focus and determination which you and your colleagues have applied towards restoring our economy as we navigate through these very troubling times. The stimulus legislation enacted by Congress will have an unprecedented impact on the national economy, especially in the growth of small business which constitutes the majority of our membership, international trade in which many of our members engage in, and job creation of which our members are active participants

An expansion of current broadband infrastructure will provide our members with better access throughout the nation, enable them to succeed and grow their business, create jobs, innovate, save, invest, re-invest, and contribute to the economy of their locality and nationally. Expanded broadband access will also support the launching of new service providers, new innovations and new applications. As new technologies come into the market place, universal broadband and access will be essential to their remaining competitive in this global economy.

For these reasons, we strongly encourage the NTIA to quickly, efficiently, and transparently disburse the stimulus funding to states who are in the best position to create public-private partnerships. Additionally, now is not the time to add bureaucratic stipulations and barriers that will make it difficult for states to acquire these much needed resources. We also strongly recommend disseminating the funds through an existing model of state-based mapping. Such a process will help to measure the progress the grantees make, help to eliminate waste, fraud, and abuse, and ensure transparency and accountability.

Thank you in advance for heeding our call to get the broadband funding outlined in the stimulus bill into the hands of the states expeditiously. The delivery of broadband to our nation's under-served and under-served communities is of critical importance as it will revitalize these communities and generate new economic opportunities for them.

We also appreciate NTIA for allowing the public to comment on this very important process.

Thank you for your consideration of our recommendation.

Sincerely,
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