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Broadband Opportunity Council:

I read all 30 questions and the additional documentation from the Department of Commerce on this solicitation for comments. My comments pertain to the following two items:

Item 4. Low income people in urban areas lack access to broadband internet (as defined by FCC as 25 Mbps download speed and 3 Mbps upload speed). It will be difficult to identify who would benefit from such service. Usually low income housing units are concentrated and it is very likely that it has some common area for the residents to access. Such common areas may be equipped with ability to access broadband. No equipment would be needed, just the availability of broadband service will provide the residents to use that common area to access broadband internet. This will help with the Mobile Health project where we are hoping to address some of the health disparities among minorities by providing them with the information on resources and general health maintenance.

Item 23. Vulnerable population exists in areas where services rendered are minimal. The vulnerable populations are concentrated in many urban settings. Supporting city or local services to offer free broadband service in these areas will help with knowledge dissemination. This could be both for education to support students outside of the classroom and to provide entertainment to adults in the form of community actions being taken. The suggestion is not for making music or TV shows available over the internet but stream many community activities that are already available for those who participate but could also benefit others if they are made available to them via the internet.

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