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Dear Friends,

When I first took office, I made expanding broadband internet access to every last mile a priority. No one thought achieving that goal would be easy. The same features that make Vermont an ideal place to live – rural communities separated by rolling hills and deep valleys – make expanding internet access incredibly difficult.

In 2010, about 38,000 Vermont addresses lacked broadband internet access. Today, **100 percent** of addresses in Vermont have access to broadband or a funded solution to get broadband to them in place.



Now our work must turn to increasing internet speeds so Vermonters and businesses can keep up with the ever-increasing demands of business, commerce, and everyday life. To do that, we're targeting underserved communities with slower speeds first and 'leap-frogging' their speeds from among the slowest to among the fastest.

The accomplishments we have made in Vermont thus far are truly remarkable. As demand for higher broadband speed is ever increasing, we will continue to push further to ensure that all Vermonters have access to broadband speeds that allow the connectivity they require. Stay tuned.

Sincerely,

Peter Shumlin

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