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Dear Faith Brown,

The current situation is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Vermont to take a giant leap forward. We are a "clean and green state" in many respects. As a result, Vermont is an ideal destination for many of those who would like to move out of crowded, urban areas due to covid-19 and the fear of future or similar occurrences. Our ability to support these folks in transition relies heavily on broadband access. Not just in Chittenden county, but statewide. We've learned that individuals, couples and families with the ability to freely select their "working home base" are those who work in sectors that rely heavily on broadband (*tech industry, remote public education, small business, etc.*). Great for local business, great for the Green Mountains.

I personally work for Dealer.com in Burlington VT, however I live in Fairfax VT where I don't have access to broadband internet. My wife is a middle school Math teacher for Georgia Middle School in VT. We have two kids that attend Fairfax Elementary and Middle School. Our inability to access broadband internet has impacted me and my family. I frankly fear that it could impact me in the future, forcing me to change my career or my home base location without access to broadband internet.

This is an unprecedented event in our lifetime and the immediate future favors the bold. Please don't allow our state to stagnate - this investment will fuel our future as an ideal destination for the work-from-home capable.

Thank you for your consideration,

Adam Gray