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Gentlemen:

The Town of Hawley is very interested in participating in MBI's Broadband program by pursuing the Hybrid/Wireless option. With the goal of making an acceptable level of service available to our residents at a price (both capital outlay and operating expenses) that they can afford, we recently contracted with Interisle Consulting Group to do a desktop analysis of our Town using an MBI Planning Assistance Grant for funding.

What came back to us was a highly-detailed fixed wireless network design, along with a budget and an equipment list, which will go a long way toward getting us where we want to go.

Our plan is very similar to the one the Town of Middlefield, MA has developed, as both Towns are alike in terms of terrain, and population density. The equipment we would be using would also be the same.

For these reasons, we strongly support the Middlefield Pilot Project that is currently being considered for funding by MBI. Having hard data on the performance of the systems we hope to be using would save the Town of Hawley a great deal of time and money as it pursues its Broadband goals.

Thank you for your consideration.

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