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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce (SCC), I am writing in support of bringing the Google Fiber Optic Network to Springfield, Massachusetts.

The SCC is a membership organization established to create and maintain a positive environment in which businesses can start, grow and prosper to the benefit of the entire Greater Springfield, Massachusetts area.

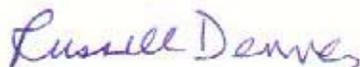
The City of Springfield is undergoing changes in ethnic and business demographics and is enjoying a renaissance in how business and city government interacts. Recent collaborations between the city and business include; an Urban Land Institute Study that lays out economic development opportunities in Springfield, and a recent Phase 1 study which benchmarks Springfield socioeconomically with 16 similarly sized communities across the northern part of the country. Business and city government have worked together for over three years to jointly implement these studies recommendations. As a city we are being proactive, not reactive.

The Google Network would enable us to attract and retain businesses in Springfield by providing a high speed network which will enhance employee productivity thereby making each business on the network and our local government more productive. It would enhance our life science and call center employment opportunities and be a tremendous asset to our local colleges and medical centers.

As the Executive Director of SCC I will personally work with Google to support Google's efforts at deploying the fiber optic infrastructure, provide input about local conditions, and work toward completion of the project as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration of this application. If you need further information, please contact me directly at 413-755-1304 or at Denver@myonlinechamber.com.

Sincerely,



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