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October 7, 2009

David J. Villano
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Dear Mr. Villano:

I am excited and pleased to offer my strongest support to USA Choice Internet Services and their \$9.1 million grant application to the Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service (RUS) and the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA). A successful grant award will mean the opportunity to provide affordable, fixed and mobile high speed Internet access for the first time to many residents, schools and businesses in Forest, Warren, Venango and Crawford counties.

If successful in its "Rural Access Initiative" bid, USA Choice will install a regional infrastructure that will provide homes, schools and businesses of the mostly rural Northwest Pennsylvania region with the world-class connectivity currently only available in large metropolitan and suburban areas. Also benefitting immensely by this last mile project will be various government agencies, and police, fire, and health care providers that presently have little or no data broadband.

As you know, access to low cost, reliable modern broadband and wireless technology is essential for economically challenged communities to survive and prosper, and USA Choice Internet has a proven historic track record and well-thought-out plan to move our area forward. Our underserved and un-served populations deserve a chance to connect with the world to improve our quality of life and compete for job growth.

Please give their application your utmost consideration. If you have any further questions, please contact me anytime.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott E. Hutchinson".

Scott E. Hutchinson
PA State Representative
64th District-Venango and Butler Counties

CC: Raymond Schwabenbauer, Partner, USA Choice Internet Services



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1401 Constitution Ave., NW
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