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Honorable Jorge Perez
President, Board of Alders
City of New Haven
165 Church Street
New Haven, CT 06510

Re: Connecticut Office of Policy and Management Nutmeg Network Open Access Application

Dear Honorable Jorge Perez:

In accordance with the order of the Board of Alders authorizing the Mayor to apply for and accept all grants on behalf of the City of New Haven (passed October 17, 1994), I am respectfully writing to advise the Honorable Board of an application by the City of New Haven Department of Finance to the Nutmeg Network Open Access Program.

The program would enable the City to participate in the Nutmeg Network, which is a fiber optic broadband network that connects municipalities throughout Connecticut, similar to the program that connects schools throughout the State (Connecticut Education Network). The installation is free and the State would pay for the first year of annual maintenance. The City would absorb all other costs, including bandwidth and data services (provided at a discounted rate by the State). Participation in this initiative would result in cost savings for the City by enabling the City to utilize a State-provided high speed internet service as opposed to a higher-priced private internet provider. Therefore, we respectfully request the Board of Alders to approve application to this grant so that the City of New Haven can have improved high speed internet service at a reduced overall cost.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daryl Jones