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Mr. Martinez,

The State of North Dakota submits the following comments pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Round 2 of the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program.

North Dakota's 2009 strategic plan (<http://www.stagenet.nd.gov/misc/strategic-plan.pdf>) for broadband outlines four objectives:

1. Develop statewide network access through an anchor tenant model
2. Increase bandwidth as required
3. Expand network connectivity (locations)
4. Improve statewide mobile communications

The State of North Dakota has categorized the applications based on the four objectives in the broadband plan. Those applications that met all four objectives and have the most benefit for North Dakota citizens are highly recommended.

Highly Recommended. Applications that address all four state objectives include the following:

Applicant	Application ID	Project Title
DCN, LLC.	4278	DCN's CCI Broadband Project

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments for Round Two of the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads 'Lisa Feldner'.

Lisa Feldner
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