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Dear Eric:

I was pleased to read in the New York Times that Google is offering communities the opportunity to benefit from high-speed broadband internet access. While New York State has long been a source of technological innovation, there are still areas in the North and West of my state where reliable internet access is hard to find. Quality affordable internet access is imperative for the sustained and vibrant growth of communities throughout New York. I am writing to urge Google to consider New York State as a potential site for a community super high-speed internet network.

New York has much that can showcase the positive effects of Google's super high-speed network. Overall, New York is one of the best networked states, and placing one of your projects here would allow Google to show performance improvements in a mature internet market. That said, 2007 Census Bureau data on internet usage shows that while 7.25% of New Yorkers state wide use dial-up, nearly 17.5% of rural New Yorkers still use dial-up instead of broadband. New Yorkers have long voiced concerns about the lack of telecommunication companies' efforts to reach rural areas.

If Google were to set up a site in New York, it would not only gain access to a mature culture of internet users, but a grateful populace as well. Google would be helping rectify the inequalities of internet access in my state and help spur a flood of economic development as a result.

Thank you for taking a close look at New York State as a site for a future super high-speed internet site. Not only is it a smart decision to showcase the effectiveness of your network, but you would have my complete and fervent support as well as the lasting gratitude of many New Yorkers.

Sincerely,

Senator Charles E. Schumer