



STATE OF MINNESOTA

Office of Governor Tim Pawlenty

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Dear Gig Group Members & Other Supporters of High Speed Broadband:

As you celebrate the creation of Minnesota's first-ever Ultra High-Speed Broadband Task Force, please know that I appreciate your diligent work on this issue.

Broadband is nearly as important to economic development today as electricity was at the turn of the 20th Century. Updating our broadband infrastructure to match that of Pacific Rim nations and other global leaders is going to require a major commitment, creative thinking, and vision.

Thanks to the leadership of the Gig Group, City of Eagan, Minnesota High Tech Association, League of Minnesota Cities, and Blandin Foundation, the Ultra High Speed Broadband Task Force bill was enacted into law.

I encourage you to help that task force make quality recommendations to develop, as the law states, "a comprehensive statewide plan designed to achieve a state ultra high-speed broadband goal that the task force considers appropriate."

With best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "T. Pawlenty", written over a horizontal line.

Tim Pawlenty
Governor