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To the Operators of Broadband Services and Infrastructure in South Carolina:

Broadband connectivity is a powerful catalyst for economic and social advancement. It is no longer a luxury – it is a necessity, critical to ensuring a level playing field for all South Carolinians. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic has laid bare the inadequacies of some of our rural infrastructure. Children in South Carolina cannot learn remotely, workers cannot reliably work from home and telemedicine cannot be provided where broadband is not available.

Earlier this year, I created AccelerateSC to serve as South Carolina's coordinated economic revitalization task force. Together, the group recommended a substantial investment in broadband and the General Assembly, with my support, acted in short order – approving \$50 million for, inter alia, the development of a statewide broadband plan to address gaps in our wireless infrastructure.

As we begin the process of expanding our broadband capabilities, it is critical that we identify those coverage gaps. The assistance of Internet Service Providers is a core component of this process. I ask that you assist us by completing the attached survey identifying your broadband facilities in South Carolina by September 25, 2020. A detailed map reflecting your responses will be made available to the public by the end of November.

I hope you can help us in this endeavor, which will have a tremendous impact on South Carolina workers, students and families. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Henry McMaster".

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