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August 28, 2023

The Honorable Alan Davidson
Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20230

RE: CDFA Number 11.032 | NTIA-DE-PLAN-2022

Dear Assistant Secretary Davidson,

On behalf of the State of South Carolina, I am declaring our intent as of October 1, 2023 to reassign the designated state agency for the Digital Equity Planning Grant Program (“DEA”) from the South Carolina Department of Administration to the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff. Our Department of Administration has nurtured this important program in its infancy and coordinated with the Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (“BEAD”) program at the Office of Regulatory Staff. It is now time for both programs to be administered under one organizational unit since the programs truly complement each other.

The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff will serve as the recipient of, and Administering Entity for, any DEA program awards. The following individuals will serve as points of contact for all correspondence:

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Yours very truly,

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

Henry McMaster

cc: The Honorable James E. Clyburn