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Adam and Jenny,

Following up on my previous email, I have written a rough draft of a proposal for low-income broadband support. Please let me know if we need to make changes.

Background:

The Arlington Housing Authority four senior residences are in need of upgrading their broadband communication systems. The engineering department of Verizon has highly recommend that the Arlington Housing Authority do this updating and submitted a engineering plan to upgrade AHA to fiber-optics last Spring but the AHA lacked funding to consider this or other improvements to its broadband cable system.

The importance of this upgrade has been made manifest by the recent failure of the current system for more than two dozen residents of Drake Village recently. While the ultimate cause or causes have yet to be determined, the failure of the system has and will put vulnerable senior and disabled residents at great risk. These low-income residents were unable to contact emergencies services for more than two weeks (YourArlington, "Verizon outages put seniors, Disabled at risk" Sept. 8, 2021).

Proposal:

Recognizing the safety and well-being of our low-income seniors and disabled persons residents depends on an excellent communication system, the Arlington Housing Authority would like to request funding from ARPA toward upgrading all the broadband communication systems in our senior residences.

Cost: \$250,000.