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Dear UC2B Policy Committee

We, the Pastors and religious leaders of Urbana-Champaign community, are among the anchor social institutions that are part of the UC2B initiative. Speaking on behalf of our constituents of the Urbana-Champaign community, we understand the importance and the opportunities that are presented before us and we feel we must embrace the technology of the future or become the proverbial dinosaur. Because of the importance of the matter at hand, we have come together to speak as one voice on behalf of the interest of our community.

We propose to work with UC2B by recruiting subscribers to the service in return for a monthly rebate to come back to the church for each subscriber as a community benefit. The rebate will be used to offset utility expense, security and providing technical assistance. This will be a win-win opportunity for UC2B, residents and the anchor institutions in our community, as we provide this much needed service.

The major grant to create UC2B and bring high speed internet to the cities of Urbana and Champaign has a special start-up focus on North Champaign as the targeted underserved community. This is a laudable goal that we all support. Many of our churches are already serving as public computer lab/centers for the same community. And we do believe that when our churches become centers of digital transformation, the rest of our community organizations and institutions will follow. But not only are the residents of North Champaign underserved and vulnerable, so are the social institutions such as our churches. We play a vital role with our public community technology centers and would like to make a firm commitment to UC2B that will benefit UC2B as well as the local churches serving North Champaign.

We would very much like to discuss this with you. Please communicate with us through Rev. Larry D. Lewis of Bethel A.M.E. Church and Rev. Charles O. Nash, Sr. of New Hope C.O.G.I.C.

We the undersigned Pastors and religious leaders endorse this technological initiative.

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