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MEMORANDUM FOR: Arielle Roth
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SUBJECT: Semiannual Evaluation of the Status of NTIA's Broadband
Grant Programs
Project No. 2026-544

We are initiating our next semiannual evaluation of the status of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's (NTIA's) broadband grant programs. Our objective is to report on the status of the following NTIA-administered grant programs that received broadband funding under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act:

1. Connecting Minority Communities Pilot Program
2. Broadband Infrastructure Program
3. Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program
4. Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program
5. Digital Equity Act Programs (Native Entities Grant Program)
6. Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Grant Program

We plan to begin this work immediately. Our team will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference, at which time we will discuss in further detail the specific nature of our evaluation, including our objective and scope, time frames, and any potential requests for data.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

