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We, at Tarentum Borough, are writing to express our support for The HUB Initiative, a visionary project aimed at bridging the digital divide within the Upper Allegheny Valley, including Tarentum, Brackenridge, and Harrison Township. This initiative, spearheaded by FCP Services and in collaboration with the Upper Allegheny Valley Community Development Corporation, Community Internet Solutions, and KINBER, promises to transform our local community by addressing critical digital inclusivity and access challenges.

The HUB Initiative is not just a project but a community-driven solution that seeks to empower our residents through affordable and reliable broadband services, educational programs, and comprehensive support services. It aims to create a unique, inclusive destination within The Depot Complex in Tarentum's central business district, equipped with high-tech facilities and a conducive environment for learning and innovation.

The proposed funding of \$1.975 million from the DCED through the COVID-19 ARPA PA Multi-Purpose Community Facilities Program will be instrumental in renovating The Depot facility, making it a beacon of digital equity and opportunity. This project aligns with our municipality's goals of fostering inclusivity, empowering our workforce, and ensuring every resident can thrive in the digital age.

We hereby affirm our commitment to The HUB Initiative and urge the State Government to support this transformative project. Together, we can significantly impact the lives of our residents and set a precedent for digital equity initiatives across the state.

Thank you for considering our support for The HUB Initiative. We are eager to witness the positive changes it will bring to our community and are available to provide any further information or assistance needed.

Sincerely,

Scott Dadowski, President of Council

Dwight D. Boddorf, Borough Manager