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The Town Center of Virginia Beach

CONNECTIVITY

“For Microsoft, Facebook, and Telxius, this is an important day that we can stand here and say that the most advanced submarine cable running between Europe and North America runs between Spain and Virginia Beach. It took great technical work to design this cable and to engineer it. It’s a first that the cable comes ashore in Virginia Beach, bringing higher capacity and more reliability and reflects a huge vote of confidence by our companies.

Whenever you add this type of high-speed communications ability across the Atlantic, you stimulate the economy and add to the communications hub that Virginia Beach has become. Already we’re seeing it creating new opportunities for international companies who want to expand here and we are pursuing work and partnerships with other companies in Virginia Beach. Broadband has become a necessity of life, it has become the future of job creation and the ability for companies to create jobs, to start new firms, to grow and to expand. This is an area where we hope to be doing even more in the future.

But, we’re not just committed to creating jobs and building data centers here. One of the things that is so important is that we not only invest in new technology, like this cable, but that we also invest in the people. We are working in schools across Virginia to bring coding and computer science to the community college and university levels. And, we’re connecting the last mile, so that every single person who lives in the Commonwealth of Virginia gets the broadband access that they need, that they deserve and that will create the opportunity for them to have a brighter future.”