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Dear KMB Colleague:

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on the upcoming 41st KMB Invitational Conference, now scheduled for May 12, 13, and 14 at the Sirata Beach Conference Center in St. Petersburg Beach.

In recent weeks, there have been a number of policy developments relevant to the Conference. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC), for example, has launched a major initiative to increase healthcare access in rural and small town America. The FCC has earmarked some \$417 million to develop 69 Tele-Health, broadband networks in 42 states and three U.S. territories. Through these efforts, the FCC hopes to connect some 6,000 public and nonprofit healthcare providers nationwide, using advanced broadband and other technologies.

The U.S. House of Representatives has passed broadband mapping legislation. It will require the FCC to collect data from broadband service providers. The Commerce Department's National Telecommunications & Information Administration (NTIA) will be responsible to develop a national searchable map of broadband service availability,

The FCC has debated possible new cable network regulation, and sparked debate regarding the competitiveness of broadband markets.

The states have also shown growing interest in broadband services and networks. Missouri Governor Blount, for instance, has named a special broadband taskforce with a view toward expanding high-speed Internet access. According to the New York Times, West Virginia and Tennessee have launched efforts similar to the Connect Kentucky initiative that has proven so successful in that state.

These and other developments have prompted KMB to bring together legislators, government officials, and industry professionals, to review the implications for consumers, business, and investors.

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I am including for your consideration a tentative agenda for the Conference. Please review these materials and let me know how you believe you and your organization could participate in this Conference. Please also review the attached brochure which details attendance, and those with whom you can exchange views.

Thank you for your consideration.

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Beilis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mike" and last name "Beilis" clearly distinguishable.

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