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Promoting the Gig Project

Speaking Points for MP and MPP calls:

- *"I am calling to ask if you will actively support EORN's Gig project to bring up to 1 Gig (1,000 Megabits of speed) to residents and businesses in my municipality.*
- *Municipalities across eastern Ontario, including mine, believe the Gig project represents the best solution that will solve our broadband problem long into the future.*
- *Both the federal and provincial governments have together now committed almost \$7 billion to broadband. The money is there for the Gig project.*
- *All EORN is seeking is \$200 million from each government for this \$1.2 billion public private partnership project. That represents just 5.7% of all federal and provincial funding that is available.*
- *Eastern Ontario has about 30% of all the underserved or un-served household in Ontario that currently cannot even get the minimum CRTC standard of 50 Megabits down and 10 Megabits up of speed.*
- *EORN commissioned two independent economic studies on the Gig Project.*
- *Both identified the potential for major economic benefits to the whole region. Things like:*
 - *Upwards of 16,000+ new jobs during construction*
 - *\$450 m to \$730 m in employment income that will fuel economic growth*

- *Reductions of \$175 m+ in the delivery of health care services*
- *New tax revenues to both senior governments of some \$560 m*
- *It is a true economic development project for us all*
- ***An EORN lead project would be delivered in a timely and efficient manner.***
- *EORN knows how to get high levels private sector investment and long-term contracts that bring community benefits beyond just the broadband infrastructure to our residents and businesses.*
- *EORN provided its project proposal almost a year ago to both the federal and provincial governments. It's time to get going on it.*

- *If you won't support the Gig Project, will you commit to ensuring that my residents get at least the same level of broadband services the Gig would have given them?"*

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