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To Whom It May Concern:

Wayne County is located in a rural area of south central Iowa and is classified at the highest level of "rural and remote" geography using any of the current rural grading methodologies. Our residents pride themselves in remaining progressive despite statistics that label us a poverty stricken area.

As a member of the Wayne County Board of Supervisors, I fully support the efforts of Lockridge Networks as they pursue grant funds for their internet project. Lack of connectivity for Wayne County has always been a concern and was very apparent as I worked with other community leaders when the town of Seymour experienced tornado damage in March of 2017. Seymour is representative of many areas of Wayne County where limited internet services could result in a lack of critical care for residents, many of whom are elderly.

Recently a company has announced an expansion in Wayne County that will increase their workforce by 200+ jobs. Many of those jobs require that employees are technologically literate, making it even more important for our citizens to have access to high level internet speeds.

Please feel free to contact me at 641-872-2221 if you have any questions concerning my support for this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Dotts", with a stylized flourish at the end.

David Dotts