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Dear Chief Information Officer Annette Dunn,

I am writing in support of the Empower Rural Iowa - Broadband Grants Program Application for FMTC – I35, dba OmniTel Communications (OmniTel) to provide improved broadband services by means of a fiber infrastructure to areas in rural Iowa which includes portions of Madison and Warren Counties.

OmniTel is a well-established communications service provider within the State of Iowa and is known for its commitment to bringing advanced services to its customers. I am confident in OmniTel's capabilities of providing and enhancing broadband service for the unserved areas included in its application. With the financial assistance of the Empower Rural Iowa Broadband Grant Program, OmniTel will be able to provide high speed broadband service to the constituents residing in these areas. A fiber broadband network will provide local businesses and residents with opportunities for distance learning, working from home, improved e-commerce, tele-health services, and reliable connectivity to ever growing services. All of these applications, as well as future applications demand better, faster and more reliable broadband. The implementation of these network buildouts and improvements will allow for economic growth far into the future.

OmniTel is dedicated to ensuring those residing in their existing service territories have quality access to advanced broadband and communication services. I am confident they will bring the same level of service to unserved locations within Madison and Warren Counties.

I urge the Office of CIO to strongly consider OmniTel's application to assist with the improvement of broadband services to these areas.

Sincerely,

Phil Clifton
Madison County Supervisor