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To the Office of the Chief Information Officer of the State of Iowa:

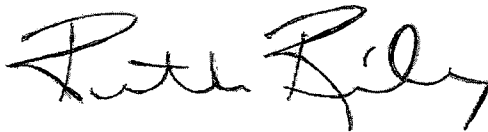
Region XII Council of Governments (COG) is submitting this application on Behalf of the City of Bagley and other surrounding communities in response to the OCIO Invitation to Qualify for a Broadband Intervention Zone. The community of Bagley has identified the area in and around the city as an area of concern with regards to broadband access. Greater availability of broadband and communication services in the area will enhance the quality of life for currently unserved and underserved residents.

Region XII and the City of Bagley propose that a Broadband Intervention Zone be established within an 8 mile radius of 2403 230th Street, Bagley, Iowa, located in Northern Guthrie County. The area is currently served by two main providers, but lack of available funding has posed barriers to providers in the region. This has left many rural residents without coverage.

As more workplaces and businesses transitioning to an online format, we do not want our community to be left behind. Designating this area as a Broadband Intervention zone will be beneficial to the City of Bagley for a multitude of reasons. Current providers will be able to reach rural customers while keeping service costs to a minimal amount and greater range of services will also invite possible economic development to the area.

We believe that our community exceeds expectations for qualification in the next Iowa Broadband Grant Program and sincerely hope that the OCIO will designate the City of Bagley as an Intervention Zone. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



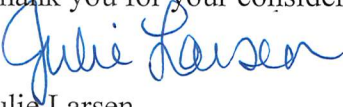
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To the Office of the Chief Information Officer:

I am writing you to express my support for Region XII and their application for Invitation to Qualify on behalf of the City of Bagley and other cities in the area. The City is looking to improve internet connection for both in town and rural residents as well as diversify the types of providers in the area. Although we live south of the town of Bagley, we have had several issues with our service in that past that delayed our operations. As an owner of our own business, it is extremely important that we have reliable and fast internet connection.

Unfortunately for more rural residents, it would be extremely expensive for fiber/broadband providers to build in areas with lower population densities. Designating the City and surrounding communities as a Broadband Intervention Zone would incentivize providers to build in areas that currently lack adequate connection.

Thank you for your consideration,



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