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To the Iowa Office of the Chief Information Officer:

The Howard County Supervisors are submitting an Invitation to Qualify for a Broadband Intervention Zone in Southwest Howard County. Howard County in total has multiple geographic areas of concern.

We have broken our county down into four quadrants; therefore, we will submit four geographic areas of concern for your review. The southwest quadrant of Howard County has 2 unserved and 53 underserved eligible service locations. Your potential qualification of these service locations as Broadband Intervention Zones would be a substantial improvement for residents and businesses in the southwest area of Howard County.

A strong and robust broadband connection is important to this rural area. Online learning, telehealth and work from home opportunities are an important asset to the residents of southwest Howard County. Law enforcement will benefit as well as they have laptop devices located in their vehicles and cellular services is not available in all locations.

Thank you for your consideration,

Julie Chapman  
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