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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 Southeast 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 southeast quadrant of Howard County has 3 unserved and 158 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 southeast area of Howard County.

A strong and robust broadband connection is important to this rural area for online learning, telehealth and work from home opportunities. It is also important to generate economic growth and can incentivize businesses to relocate to this area.

Thank you for your consideration,

Julie Chapman  
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