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March 22, 2023

TO: Office of the Chief Information Officer  
200 E. Grand Ave.  
Des Moines, IA 50309

RE: Broadband Intervention Zone

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

It is my pleasure to offer this letter in support of Story County's application to become a Broadband Intervention Zone.

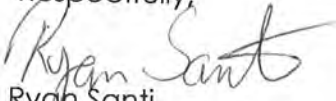
The existing internet infrastructure in the boundaries throughout Story County is not up to standards, and the ripple effect stretches across nearly every aspect of our community. Technology plays an ever-increasing role in our daily lives. Services are scheduled with devices and for many, broadband is a life-line to communicate when in crisis.

When our broadband infrastructure is inadequate, not only is it a deterrent to prospective companies locating in Story County, it is also a hinderance to attracting and retaining a much-needed workforce. Furthermore, it detracts from our ability to educate our children, further handicapping our ability to grow workforce from within.

The pandemic showed us how dependent our communities and economies are on an interconnected world. The longer we go without adequate internet service, the farther we fall behind and the harder it becomes to catch up.

I greatly appreciate the Office of the Chief Information Officer taking this step to qualify regions as Broadband Intervention Zones. I would ask you to please give strong consideration to our area of Story County for such a designation.

Respectfully,

  
Ryan Santi  
CEO



## Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency HIRTA Public Transit

Boone, Dallas, Jasper, Madison, Marion, Story, and Warren Counties

March 21, 2023  
Office of the Chief Information Officer  
200 E. Grand Ave.  
Des Moines, IA 50309

RE: Broadband Intervention Zone

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

The Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency (HIRTA) is writing in support of Story County's request to be designated as a Broadband Intervention Zone and participating in planning with the OCIO.

Having adequate broadband service in rural areas is imperative for allowing people to remain in the community of their choice, as well as, for growth, education, access and transportation. Connected schools, libraries, an educated workforce, virtual medical services and more efficient use of resources all make communities more attractive to new businesses and families, while enabling existing residents and businesses to keep being successful.

HIRTA continues to provide more innovative services and technology because it is important those in rural areas receive the same types of access and conveniences as their urban counterparts. When passengers can access the internet through laptops, smart phones, and other communication devices they can transform their transit experience by extending access to information and connectivity, creating more opportunities for people to use public transit within their own communities, with expanded employment and other services would come to their area.

Being designated as a Broadband Intervention Zone and participating in planning with the OCIO will ensure broadband expansion can be completed in a planned and organized fashion that will make broadband accessible and affordable to all Story County residents.

We greatly appreciate the Office of the Chief Information Officer taking this step to qualify regions as Broadband Intervention Zones. Thank you for considering Story County for this designation.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julia Castillo".

Julia Castillo  
Executive Director

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03/16/2023

TO: Office of the Chief Information Officer  
200 E Grand Ave.  
Des Moines, IA 50309

Re: Broadband Intervention Zone

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

It is my pleasure to offer this letter in support of Story County's application to become a Broadband Intervention Zone.

The existing internet infrastructure in the Townships of Grant, Howard, Milford, Nevada, Richland and Warren, is not up to standards and the ripple effect stretches across nearly every aspect of these Townships. Story County Emergency Management is responsible for emergency and disaster notifications through the Story County Iowa Alert system that services the residents of these Townships. Without secure broadband access, residents of these areas will not receive critical emergency alerts and notifications via email and will not have access to disaster response and recovery information through the internet. Most all disaster recovery programs at the State and Federal level require individuals to have internet access to apply for financial and other assistance. Without secure internet access their personal disaster recovery will be prolonged.

In addition to disaster related events, lack of secure broadband access is a deterrent to prospective companies locating to these townships, it is also a hinderance to attracting and retaining a much-needed workforce. Furthermore, it detracts from the County's ability to educate our children, further handicapping our ability to grow workforce from within.

The pandemic showed us how dependent our residents and economies are on an inter-connected world. The longer Story County goes without adequate internet service, the further the County falls behind and the harder it will be to catch up.

I greatly appreciate the Office of the Chief Information Officer taking this step to qualify regions as Broadband Intervention Zones. I would ask you to please give strong consideration to these areas of Story County for such designation.

Respectfully,

Melissa K Spencer  
Coordinator  
Story County Emergency Management Agency

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Roland – Sheldahl – Slater – Story City – Story County – Zearing*



March 17, 2023

Office of the Chief Information Officer  
200 E. Grand Ave.  
Des Moines, IA 50309

RE: Broadband Intervention Zone – Story County application

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

It is our pleasure as Trustees of Grant Township to offer this letter in support of Story County's application to designate selected townships as Broadband Intervention Zones. There are numerous unserved and underserved locations in our township, as shown the county's Application to Qualify documents. We also have a low population density and a relatively high proportion of lower income households, which make it unlikely that broadband providers will invest in our township without the incentive of governmental funding.


We, the undersigned, personally experience the frustrations of limited internet service options in Grant Township. There is a single "line-of-sight" provider offering service in our township, but the ability to use this service is limited to those with an unobstructed path to the tower. Within our township leadership, only one of us has a house correctly positioned to obtain a signal. Another relies on cellular service, which becomes prohibitively expensive and impractical for those who need data-intensive streaming services. A third relies on satellite service, which is notorious for substantial lag time and unsuitable for reliable streaming. All of these non-wired options are subject to outages during bad weather.


The lack of a reliable, wired, high-speed internet solution, available to everybody regardless of specific location within our township, is a deterrent to prospective businesses locating in our township and a hinderance to attracting and retaining residents. When residents do not have adequate broadband, it detracts from their ability to educate their children, prevents them from taking jobs that include work-from-home features, and hamper access to access emergency and public safety information. The longer we go without adequate internet service, the further we fall behind and the harder it becomes to catch up.


We greatly appreciate the Office of the Chief Information Officer taking this step to qualify regions as Broadband Intervention Zones. We respectfully ask you to include Grant township of Story County in such a designation.

Respectfully,

John Clough   
Grant Township Clerk  
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Charles Lloyd   
Grant Township Trustee  
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March 16, 2023

Office of the Chief Information Officer  
200 E. Grand Ave.  
Des Moines, IA 50309

RE: Broadband Intervention Zone – Story County application

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

It is my pleasure to offer this letter in support of Story County's application to become a Broadband Intervention Zone

There are numerous unserved and underserved locations in our township, as the county's Application to Qualify documents. The ripple effect stretches across nearly every aspect of our community. Not only is it a deterrent to prospective businesses locating in our township, it is also a hinderance to attracting and retaining residents. Furthermore, when residents do not have adequate broadband, it detracts from their ability to educate their children, and to access emergency and public safety information.

Two of the three barriers to broadband expansion included in the Invitation to Qualify apply to our township:

- Low population density
- Higher proportion of lower income households

These factors make it unlikely our township residents will receive adequate broadband services without the contribution of governmental funding.

The pandemic showed us how dependent our communities and economies are on an interconnected world. The longer we go without adequate internet service, the farther we fall behind and the harder it becomes to catch up.

I greatly appreciate the Office of the Chief Information Officer taking this step to qualify regions as Broadband Intervention Zones. I would ask you to please grant Story County's request to include our area of Story County in such a designation.

Respectfully,

Name

*Paul Teig*

*Howard* Township [Trustee/Clerk]

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March 20, 2023

Office of the Chief Information Officer  
200 E. Grand Ave.  
Des Moines, IA 50309

RE: Broadband Intervention Zone – Story County application

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

It is my pleasure to offer this letter in support of Story County's application to become a Broadband Intervention Zone

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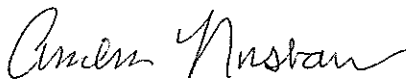
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I greatly appreciate the Office of the Chief Information Officer taking this step to qualify regions as Broadband Intervention Zones. I would ask you to please grant Story County's request to include our area of Story County in such a designation.

Respectfully,



Amber Nusbaum

Nevada Township Trustee

2426 Lincoln Hwy.

Nevada, IA 50201

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March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Office of the Chief Information Officer  
200 E. Grand Ave.  
Des Moines, IA 50309

RE: Broadband Intervention Zone – Story County application

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

It is my pleasure to offer this letter in support of Story County's application to become a Broadband Intervention Zone

There are numerous unserved and underserved locations in Richland Township, as the county's Application to Qualify documents. The ripple effect stretches across nearly every aspect of our community. Not only is it a deterrent to prospective businesses locating in our township, it is also a hinderance to attracting and retaining residents. Furthermore, when residents do not have adequate broadband, it detracts from their ability to educate their children, and to access emergency and public safety information.

Two of the three barriers to broadband expansion included in the Invitation to Qualify apply to our township:

- Low population density
- Higher proportion of lower income households

These factors make it unlikely our township residents will receive adequate broadband services without the contribution of governmental funding.

The pandemic showed us how dependent our communities and economies are on an interconnected world. The longer we go without adequate internet service, the farther we fall behind and the harder it becomes to catch up.

I greatly appreciate the Office of the Chief Information Officer taking this step to qualify regions as Broadband Intervention Zones. I would ask you to please grant Story County's request to include our area of Story County in such a designation.

Respectfully,



Debra K Thompson  
Richland Township Clerk  
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Mc Callsburg, IA 50154

March 16, 2023  
Office of the Chief Information Officer  
200 E. Grand Avenue  
Des Moines, IA 50309

RE: Broadband Intervention Zone—Story County Iowa application

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

This letter is in support of Story County's application to become a Broadband Intervention Zone. Currently there are numerous unserved and underserved locations in Warren Township, as noted in the documents in Story County's Application to Qualify. There is a ripple effect that stretches across nearly every aspect of our small community. The limited broadband accessibility is hampering prospective businesses from locating in our township and is also making it difficult to attract and retain residents. In addition, when residents do not have adequate broadband, it makes it difficult in the ability to educate their children and to access emergency and public safety information.

Two of the three barriers to broadband expansion included in the Invitation to Qualify apply to Warren Township:

- Low population density
- Higher proportion of lower income households

These two factors make it unlikely that our township residents will receive adequate and affordable broadband services without the contribution of governmental funding.

The pandemic showed us how our communities and economies are dependent on an interconnected world. Without an adequate internet service our community will fall farther behind and it will become increasing difficult to catch up.

I greatly appreciate the Office of the Chief Information Officer taking this step to qualify regions as Broadband Intervention Zones. I would ask that you seriously consider and grant Story County's request to include Warren Township in Story County in such a designation.

Respectfully,



Alan Knaphus  
Warren Township Clerk  
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# Sheriff's Office

Story County  
**PAUL H. FITZGERALD, Sheriff**



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March 21, 2023

TO: Office of the Chief Information Officer  
200 E. Grand Ave.  
Des Moines, IA 50309

RE: Broadband Intervention Zone

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

I am pleased to offer this letter supporting Story County's application to become a Broadband Intervention Zone.

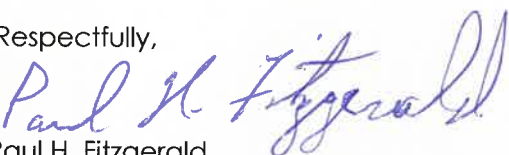
The existing internet infrastructure in some rural regions of Story County is not up to standards. Next Generation 911 (NG911) technologies and capabilities are on the horizon of being deployed nationwide. This overdue upgrade to our current 911 system will allow members of our community to make an interoperable, secure, reliable, and end-to-end 911 call in their time of need. Simply put, this translates into lives saved.

Investing in and improving broadband coverage in the underserved areas of Story County will help support the needs of an operational NG911 system. With this infrastructure improvement, we can avoid leaving these areas in a vulnerable position by having the capability to fully utilize a NG911 system.

StoryComm, the public safety radio communications consortium in Story County, have discussed with other community stakeholders the ability to utilize StoryComm infrastructure as a potential opportunity to address shortcomings of broadband connectivity in Story County. The resources provided by qualifying as a designated Broadband Intervention Zone will certainly be an important factor as this option is explored further.

I greatly appreciate the Office of the Chief Information Officer's decision to qualify regions as Broadband Intervention Zones. I pray you consider our area of Story County for such a designation.

Respectfully,

  
Paul H. Fitzgerald  
Story County Sheriff



# NEVADA PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

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*Ricardo Martinez II*  
Public Safety Director  
Chief of Police

March 21, 2023

TO: Office of the Chief Information Officer  
200 E. Grand Ave.  
Des Moines, IA 50309

RE: Broadband Intervention Zone

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

This letter demonstrates our support of Story County's application to become a Broadband Intervention Zone, which includes the townships of Grant, Nevada, Richland, Milford, Warren and Howard. The City of Nevada Fire Department provide fire and EMS services to our townships as well as our community.


The existing internet infrastructure is exiguous, which repeatedly impacts our efforts to protect and inform the public. Having robust broadband capability allows unfailing connectivity to local and state emergency operations centers. When a disaster strikes, such as the Derecho of 2020, not only do emergency services need to communicate with each other, but there needs to be a nexus between Incident Command and our citizens.


Story County is the 10th largest area within the State of Iowa. Story County has one of the nation's biggest research universities in Iowa State University, federal USDA laboratories, a natural gas production facility, a nationally known veterinarian medical center, and several diverse transportation sector assets making broadband access a high priority for the State of Iowa. Attracting prospective companies to Story County and its townships would look favorably with high-quality broadband connectivity.

The pandemic showed how dependent our communities and economies are to an interconnected world. Story County saw several large industries shift their office staff to working at home. Internet service impacts our ability to deal with emerging threats to the community from an economic and public safety standpoint. Substandard service fails to meet these expectations.

We greatly appreciate the Office of the Chief Information Officer taking this step to qualify regions as Broadband Intervention Zones. Please give significant consideration to our area of Story County for such a designation.

Respectfully,

  
Ricardo Martinez II  
Public Safety Director  
Chief of Police

  
Ray Reynolds  
Director of Fire & EMS



*Smart Choice*

March 29, 2023

Office of the Chief Information Officer  
200 E. Grand Ave.  
Des Moines, IA 50309

RE: Broadband Intervention Zone – Story County Application

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

It is my pleasure to offer this letter in support of Story County's application to become a Broadband Intervention Zone.

Providing adequate broadband to residents and businesses in our rural areas of Story County's is one of our highest priorities. The result of which we have been in local and regional partnerships since 2021 on targeting such areas for state and federal resources.

But we still have several large areas of that are unserved or underserved. This is particularly important because Story County is one of a handful of counties in Iowa with significant population increase shown by the 2020 Census, and a good share of that growth is residential development and agriculture-related businesses in the unincorporated areas of the county. Our rural community partners have done a fantastic job to fill in those areas and we are seeing new housing, telecommuting job growth, investments into historic downtowns and quality of life projects being driven by such fiber investments drawing younger families. Now we need to fill in the gaps and such state investments like this are critical to making sure every acre of Story County can be utilized by our residents for such initiatives.

Approving this zone would allow Story County to work jointly with a service provider or providers in providing adequate broadband to an area which is of primary importance and growth potential. Increased growth for our local school districts, residential new construction, small business location potential and our continued pursuit of home-based telecommuting workforce that requires quality service options even in the most rural areas of our corridor.

I greatly appreciate the Office of the Chief Information Officer taking this step to qualify regions as Broadband Intervention Zones. I would ask you to please grant Story County's request to include this area in a Broadband Intervention Zone.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Culhane'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'D'.

Dan Culhane

President & CEO, Ames Chamber of Commerce & Ames Economic Development Commission

TO: Office of the Chief Information Officer  
200 E. Grand Ave.  
Des Moines, IA 50309

RE: Broadband Intervention Zone

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

It is my pleasure to offer this letter in support of Story County's application to become a Broadband Intervention Zone.

My family has experienced firsthand the challenges posed by inadequate broadband infrastructure in Story County. It's been a terrific place to educate our kids, farm, and grow a small business startup, but we often feel as though we're managing all three in spite of the poor infrastructure instead of being supported by it.

If we were starting our rural lives all over knowing what we know now, the availability of excellent broadband would play a much bigger role in our choice of location, and Story County might not be at the top of the list. Broadband's role in our sons' education and in our farm-based business has grown dramatically as remote education and customer outreach has become the norm. Further, as our business grows and is poised to hire more employees, we need every advantage to attract dependable, tech savvy staff members.

The pandemic showed us how dependent our communities and economies are on an interconnected world. Our family in particular faced the harsh reality that the broadband resources we took for granted for recreational purposes were woefully inadequate to meet the demands we were forcing upon it. We learned the hard way that the longer we went without adequate internet service, the farther we fell behind and the harder it became to catch up.

I greatly appreciate the Office of the Chief Information Officer taking this step to qualify regions as Broadband Intervention Zones. I would ask you to please give strong consideration to our area of Story County for such a designation.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Aaron Steele". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Aaron Steele



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TO: Office of the Chief Information Officer  
200 E. Grand Ave.  
Des Moines, IA 50309

RE: Broadband Intervention Zone

To the Office of the Chief Information Officer of the State of Iowa:  
It is my pleasure to offer this letter in support of Story County's application to become a Broadband Intervention Zone.

The existing internet infrastructure in the Townships of Milford and Richmond is not up to standards, and the ripple effect stretches across nearly every aspect of our community. Not only is it a deterrent to prospective companies locating in our townships, it is also a hinderance to attracting and retaining a much-needed workforce. Furthermore, it detracts from our ability to educate our children, further handicapping our ability to grow workforce from within.

The pandemic showed us how dependent our communities and economies are on an interconnected world. The longer we go without adequate internet service, the farther we fall behind and the harder it becomes to catch up.

Serving the rural community poses large challenges and without support makes it very hard to justify building them out and providing the quality of service all consumers are entitled to. Story County has worked very well with us in aspects they control such as permitting and willingness to help as much as possible.

Colo Telephone has been 100% fiber to home since 2011, with service to over 450 locations. In 2012 Central Iowa Broadband was created as an affiliate and over the years has expanded our 100% fiber service to South Nevada, Northern Ames, several rural locations spanning that route. Most recent expansion being to the town of Collins. CIB currently has over 400 locations served.

I greatly appreciate the Office of the Chief Information Officer taking this step to qualify regions as Broadband Intervention Zones. I would ask you to please give strong consideration to our area of Story County for such a designation.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shane Bellon", written over a horizontal line.

Shane Bellon  
General Manager





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March 17, 2023

TO: Office of the Chief Information Officer  
200 E. Grand Ave.  
Des Moines, IA 50309

RE: Broadband Intervention Zone

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

It is my pleasure to offer this letter in support of Story County's application to become a Broadband Intervention Zone.

The existing internet infrastructure in Richland and Warren Township is not up to standards, and the ripple effect stretches across nearly every aspect of our community. Not only is it a deterrent to prospective companies locating in our townships, but it is also a hinderance to attracting and retaining a much-needed workforce. Furthermore, it detracts from our ability to educate our children, further handicapping our ability to grow workforce from within.

The pandemic showed us how dependent our communities and economies are on an interconnected world. The longer we go without adequate internet service, the farther we fall behind and the harder it becomes to catch up.

Establishing the infrastructure to provide high quality internet to the rural areas is an expensive endeavor. Without support it would not be financially viable to provide these areas with the service they need to maintain and enhance their daily lives. More and more we depend on internet connections for our medical, financial, educational, business and entertainment needs. Story County is a strong advocate for its residents and businesses, and we are grateful for their help and cooperation with permits and other aspects of any projects we undertake.

Minerva Valley currently serves the Story County community of McCallsburg along with Zearing and the rural areas surrounding Zearing. We provide fiber to the home for 100% of our customers which totals over 700 including the areas we serve in Marshall County.

I greatly appreciate the Office of the Chief Information Officer taking this step to qualify regions as Broadband Intervention Zones. I would ask you to please give strong consideration to our area of Story County for such a designation.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Mary M Phillips'.

Mary M Phillips, General Manager

Minerva Valley Companies

# Stratford COMMUNICATIONS

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Office of the Chief Information Officer  
200 E. Grand Avenue  
Des Moines, IA 50309

RE: Broadband Intervention Zone

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

I am writing this letter in support of Story County's application to become a Broadband Intervention Zone.

Milford and Richland Townships are grossly underserved and are too sparse in terms of potential customers for a company to pursue those areas without an aid to construction. This substandard Broadband impacts those residents and potential residents and businesses by limiting opportunities for educational pursuits, e-commerce, agricultural applications, telehealth, and more.

The pandemic highlighted the fact that we are living in a connected world and are heavily reliant on this connectivity in most every aspect of our lives. Our goal in supporting this application is to help bring fast, reliable broadband to even more Iowans.

Stratford Communications has been a rural service provider, serving rural Iowans since 1903. We established a presence in Story County in 1982 and were also one of the first providers in the Country to offer Fiber to the Home broadband. We began expanding fiber into Story County in 2019 and have already passed well over 1600 homes and businesses. Story County has been a great partner and worked very well with us in aspects they control such as permitting and lending support to our NOFA 6 project.

I greatly appreciate the Office of the Chief Information Officer taking this step to qualify regions as Broadband Intervention Zones. I would ask you to please give strong consideration to our area of Story County for such a designation.

Sincerely,



Steve Frey  
General Manager

**Jeff Gibbons** CIMA

***Certified Investment Management Analyst***



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RE: Broadband Intervention Zone

To the Office of the Chief Information Officer of the State of Iowa: s my pleasure to offer this letter in support of Story County's application to become a Broadband Intervention Zone. e existing internet infrastructure in Franklin Township is not up to standards. As the owner of a small business, RIA Advisory Group LLC, located in Franklin Township at 2305 Dayton Ridge Rd Ames, IA, I have experienced this first hand. Our financial service business is one hundred percent internet based and consequently internet speed, and reliability is crucial to allow us to reach stock exchanges, vendors, clients and financial institutions in the operation of our business.

The current structure is a hindrance to attracting and retaining much-needed services in a growing businesses like mine. The longer we go without adequate internet service, the farther we fall behind and the harder it becomes to catch up.

I greatly appreciate the Office of the Chief Information Officer taking this step to qualify regions as Broadband Intervention Zones. I would ask you to please give strong consideration to our area of Story County for such designation.

Respectfully,

Jeff Gibbons, CIMA  
Owner, RIA Advisory Group LLC

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RE: Broadband Intervention Zone

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

It is my pleasure to offer this letter in support of Story County's application to become a Broadband Intervention Zone.

The existing internet infrastructure in Grant Township is not up to standards. As the owner of a small home business, Scriptive Solutions Custom Apparel, located in Grant Township at 25345 620<sup>th</sup> Ave., Nevada, IA 50201, I have experienced this firsthand. We have less than 2g speed using DSL service in our area and find it hard to be productive when sending and receiving large files to customers and waiting on pages to refresh.

My spouse also has a home office (Corteva employee) and has to use his phone for connectivity many times, which makes zoom meetings and communication/connectivity to remote plants difficult.

This is a hindrance to attracting and retaining a much-needed workforce and growing businesses like mine. The longer we go without adequate internet service, the farther we fall behind and the harder it becomes to catch up.

I greatly appreciate the Office of the Chief Information Officer taking this step to qualify regions as Broadband Intervention Zones. I would ask you to please give strong consideration to our area of Story County for such designation.

Respectfully,

April Heintz

Owner, Scriptive Solutions Custom Apparel





March 22, 2023

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

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The existing internet infrastructure in the boundaries throughout Story County is not up to standards and affects nearly every aspect of our community. Technology plays an ever-increasing role in our daily lives, making broadband a life-line for communication, especially for crisis situations.

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Respectfully,

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Brian R. Dieter, FACHE  
President & CEO



March 24, 2023

Office of the Chief Information Officer  
200 E. Grand Ave.  
Des Moines, IA 50309

RE: Broadband Intervention Zone

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

It is my pleasure to offer this letter in support of Story County's application to become a Broadband Intervention Zone.

The existing internet infrastructure in the boundaries of the Ames Community School District is not up to standards, and the ripple effect stretches across nearly every aspect of our community. Technology plays an ever-increasing role in students' daily lives. When students are hindered by no access or inadequate access to broadband, the results are detrimental to their learning journeys and success stories.

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Dr. Julious T. Lawson  
Superintendent, Ames Community School District



## Colo-NESCO Community School District

March 24, 2023

TO: Office of the Chief Information Officer  
200 E. Grand Ave.  
Des Moines, IA 50309

RE: Broadband Intervention Zone

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Respectfully,

Marc Snavelly  
Superintendent/Elementary Principal

**Middle School, Hih School, District Office**  
919 West Street, PO BOX 136  
Colo, IA 50056  
(641) 377-2282

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407 North Center Street  
Zearing, IA 50278  
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March 23, 2023

TO: Office of the Chief Information Officer  
200 E. Grand Ave.  
Des Moines, IA 50309

RE: Broadband Intervention Zone

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

It is my pleasure to offer this letter in support of Story County's application to become a Broadband Intervention Zone.

The existing internet infrastructure in the boundaries of the Gilbert Community School District is not up to standards, and the ripple effect stretches across nearly every aspect of our community. Technology plays an ever-increasing role in students' daily lives. When students are hindered by no access or inadequate access to broadband, the results are detrimental to their learning journeys and success stories.

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Respectfully,

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Dr. Christine Trujillo  
Superintendent  
Gilbert Community School District



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**NEVADA**  
COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

March 22, 2023

TO: Office of the Chief Information Officer  
200 E. Grand Ave.  
Des Moines, IA 50309

RE: Broadband Intervention Zone

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

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Respectfully,

Dr. Steve Gray  
Nevada CSD Superintendent







March 23, 2023

Office of the Chief Information Officer  
200 E. Grand Ave.  
Des Moines, IA 50309

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

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The existing internet infrastructure in the boundaries of the Roland-Story Community School District is not up to standards, and the ripple effect stretches across nearly every aspect of our community. Technology plays an ever-increasing role in students' daily lives. When students are hindered by no access or inadequate access to broadband, the results are detrimental to their learning journeys and success stories.

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Matt Patton  
Superintendent

**Superintendent** | Matt Patton 733.4301  
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