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Iowa OCIO
Des Moines, IA

RE: Henry Co ITQ

Please accept this letter of support and need for the northeast Henry County ITQ. Essentially, the entire unincorporated area of western Henry County has a need for standard broadband services.

The interest in broadband is real and manifested in Henry County's commitment of \$1.4 million of ARPA funds to expand broadband in the county. The allocation was made to Farmtel and Danville Mutual Telephone Company. The funds provide the stage to create new recurring revenue to match future broadband grants.

Henry County has taken the big step to fund their local telephone/communications companies to bolster rural broadband availability now and into the future.

Sincerely,

Mike Norris

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Executive Director