

March 20, 2023

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Respectfully,

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March 24, 2023

RE: Broadband Intervention

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

The City of Carroll Iowa is submitting this application in response to the OCIO Invitation to Qualify for a Broadband Intervention Zone. The City Carroll, on behalf of our residents, has identified a specific area of geographic concern about existing broadband availability. As such, we are proposing that a Broadband Intervention Zone be established for the immediate area including the City of Carroll and immediate contiguous rural areas of Carroll County. It is my understanding that according to the most current Iowa Broadband Map v.5 this area is served by a single broadband provider and with speeds that do not facilitate the required 100/20 minimum threshold for modern and current available connectivity. It is our belief that the ITQ Application and review of the same by OCIO will designate Carroll as a known and eligible geographic area of concern and thus qualify as an Intervention Zone for consideration in the next broadband grant program.

Thank you very much for your worthy consideration.

Sincerely,



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Mayor, City of Carroll

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March 23, 2023

To Whom It May Concern,

St. Anthony Regional Hospital is a rural hospital in Carroll, Iowa. It is equidistant from Omaha, NE, and Des Moines, IA by approximately 100 miles. The St. Anthony service area generally consists of Carroll County and the five contiguous counties of Crawford, Sac, Calhoun, Greene, and Audubon. This geographic location to provide regional services to the surrounding area requires many to drive 30-40 minutes to access healthcare.

Developing relationships with individuals in the surrounding communities and maintaining those relationships is critical. This requires dedicated staff and other resources to create awareness and acceptance of needed medical services. St. Anthony Regional Hospital has the commitment to be a reliable presence in these communities and increase awareness of the services readily available to the adults and young families of the service area. Those with robust internet connectivity can access this healthcare remotely / virtually via tele-health services. Unfortunately, many in our region cannot due to poor internet service.

The types of tele-health services at St. Anthony continue to expand to include general consultation, ongoing health management, mental health services, and emergency care. It has become increasingly important for citizens of our region to effectively and efficiently access these critical services, especially after the global COVID-19 pandemic that we all experienced.

I wholeheartedly support the efforts to expand broadband internet access to our patients and families of our region in order to be able to offer medical service when they cannot otherwise travel to a medical clinic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Allen Anderson", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Allen Anderson
President & CEO



March 31, 2023

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

To the Office of the Chief Information Officer,

Within rural Iowa and agriculture, technological use has grown to a tremendous level over the years. To which, farmers need for high quality broadband is higher than ever before. Much of the equipment and tractors we sell at Van Wall Equipment, new or used; is collecting, transmitting, or using data in a way that the producers need high quality internet. The 2017 Census of Agriculture showed that 216,704 people were employed on farms in Iowa, which is 6.7% of Iowa's population that not only need, but must have quality broadband.

It is our hope that through the ITQ application and review process, the OCIO will designate Carroll County as a geographic area of concern and an Intervention Zone for consideration for the next broadband dollars available.

Sincerely,


Benet Snyder
Van Wall Equipment

Kuemper Catholic School System

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March 30, 2023

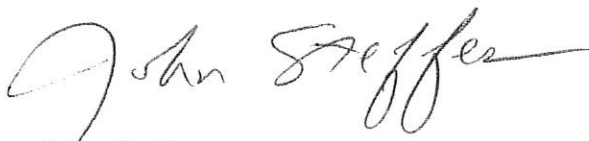
Office of the Chief Information Officer
200 E. Grand Ave.
Des Moines, IA 50309

Dear Office of the Chief Information Officer,

I am pleased to write this letter of support for Western Iowa Networks (WIN) and Carroll County Growth Partnership.

Our regional PK-12 Catholic school system in west-central Iowa based in Carroll is grateful for the important communications infrastructure that WIN provides that many of our 1,150 students and over 500 families use - with many of them residing in smaller rural towns and areas. Correspondence is constant with our many families for all kinds of communications from grade monitoring and exchange between school and family to mass text messages to parents for routine along with time-sensitive announcements such as weather delays. Future demands for fast and reliable communications by educational institutions like Kuemper will be even higher.

The area parishes and churches in Carroll county that partner with Kuemper and our school system of four buildings in Carroll are grateful for the fine services of WIN and look forward to even stronger communications to keep our PK-12 educational system vibrant for a changing future in rural Iowa. Thank you.



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Carroll Community School District

Carroll, Iowa 51401-1911



March 27, 2023

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter in support of expanded broadband access in our area. I serve as superintendent of the Carroll Community School District. Technology and the need for internet access is a big part of the educational process for students. During the pandemic, we were fortunate to serve many students in person but we also shifted to provide more virtual learning for students who needed this service. Internet access is critical to any delivery model we use as a school district and we know through the pandemic experience, we have students and staff who do not have reliable internet access. Both students and staff struggled at times to access the internet and keep a reliable connection.

In an effort to prepare our students and provide a working environment where our staff can be successful, we need good reliable internet access throughout our school district. The Carroll CSD serves the entire Carroll County so our staff and families live throughout the county and they need good, reliable internet access.

I write this letter in support of efforts being made to pursue the expansion of broadband internet access throughout our county and area so that all of our families can have the same access to educational opportunities that people in other parts of the state do. I welcome any opportunity to discuss this further.

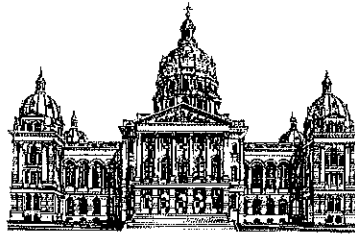
Respectfully,

Casey Berlau, Ed.D
Superintendent
Carroll CSD

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March 24, 2023

To the OCIO,

Carroll County Growth Partnership has brought to my attention the opportunity to help advance their efforts to expand broadband access in their community and surrounding area. The limitation of broadband providers and speeds has been identified as a limiting factor in their development and citizens' quality of life.

Your office's Invitation to Qualify for a Broadband Intervention Zone is a perfect opportunity to address this shortcoming. I understand that the area identified has but one broadband provider and the speeds offered do not meet the minimum standards the Governor and Legislature have supported. I ask for the establishment of a Broadband Intervention Zone in the identified area.

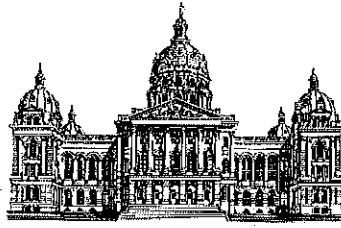
The recent redistricting has given me the pleasure of meeting new communities and leaders. I have been impressed with the effort to better their home communities and citizens' opportunities. This request falls appropriately into the intent and vision of the Legislature as we work to increase broadband access in Iowa. I ask this effort be looked upon in a positive manner.

Sincerely,

Jason Schultz
State Senator
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March 28, 2023

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

Carroll County Growth Partnership is submitting an application for a Broadband Intervention Zone Grant. Carroll County is a regional employment hub in Western Iowa but the county has underserved areas that are in need of Broadband services.

I respectfully ask the OCIO to designate the City of Carroll as an area of concern for consideration in the next Broadband Grant Program. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Brian Best
HD 11

March 20, 2023

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Scott Johnson

From: Scott Johnson
Sent: Sunday, March 26, 2023 3:45 PM
To: Scott Johnson
Subject: WIN support letter

March 27, 2023

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It is our hope that the ITQ application and review of same by OCIO will designate the area around Carroll, Iowa as a geographic area of concern/ Intervention Zone for consideration in the next broadband program.



Scott Johnson
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Sincerely,



Eugene Meiners

District 3 Carroll County Supervisor

Board member of Carroll County Growth Partnership

LaVern Dirkx
Carroll City Council Member
Carroll, Iowa 51401

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

Carroll County has several specific areas, as shown on the map, where Broadband is unavailable. The lack of Broadband accessibility impacts those areas ability to do business and manage daily activities.

The map V5 highlights zones that have only one broadband provider and shows they lack the required 100/20 minimum speed for reliable connectivity.

We're requesting that those areas of Carroll County be designated as a Broadband Intervention Zone. We're hoping that the ITQ application will allow those sections of Carroll County to be a recipient of the Broadband Grant Program.

Sincerely,
LaVern Dirkx