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Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52411

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

Thank you for the Invitation to Qualify as an Intervention Zone for future broadband funding. We have identified the Morris Hills area as a rural Intervention Zone. Morris Hills is located on the West edge of Cedar Rapids and East of Palo, Iowa in Linn County with the Cedar River running parallel to the West of the identified area. The Geographic Area of concern shows Morris Hills as mostly underserved with fifty-six locations and 13 locations as unserved on the Iowa Broadband and Availability Map.

The importance of bringing high – speed internet access to Morris Hills residents provides them with opportunities to connect with businesses, schools, medical facilities, and other institutions where they live, work and play. Linn County Officials recognize Broadband as an essential infrastructure that is invaluable and bridging the digital divide would promote future economic and educational growth for the area.

Our goal is to have Morris Hills and the surrounding area be recognized as a Broadband Intervention Zone and the application be placed at the highest priority when future Broadband funding becomes available. Please know by doing so you will give the rural Linn County residents the economic and educational opportunities they deserve.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Charlie Nichols
Planning and Development Director
Linn County