

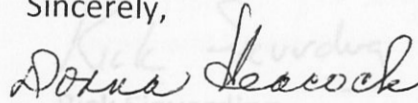
July 31, 2020

To whom it may concern,

As a residential homeowner living at 35940 216th Street, west of Bellevue, Iowa, I can attest to the fact that my residence does not have access to high-speed Internet bandwidth. My home is not in the line of sight for terrestrial wireless tower Internet service due to the surrounding hills and bluffs.

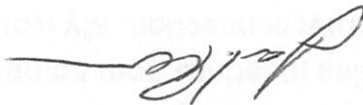
The service currently available is very slow and intermittent, especially during times of high usage in the area. The lack of consistent, high-speed Internet service limits the ability to both work from home and use telehealth services during this time of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna Heacock".

Donna Heacock

Jason and Carrie Rowan



Sincerely,

To whom it may concern,

As residential homeowners living at 32824 216th Street west of Bellevue, Iowa, we can attest to the fact that our residence is unserved for high-speed Internet bandwidth from buried cable or wireless towers. The hillside surrounding our home do not allow for line of sight to terrestrial wireless towers.

We also operate a dog boarding and training facility adjacent to our home. The availability of high-speed Internet bandwidth via buried fiber optic cable would not only benefit our business, but during this time of Covid-19 pandemic, would provide the bandwidth that is essential for our school-aged children to learn from home if in-person learning is again suspended.

July 28, 2020



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August 4, 2020

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

RE: Funding Opportunity #365549
Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Expansion Program-NOFA #003

To Whom It May Concern,

The Jackson County Board of Supervisors is pleased to support the LaMotte Telephone Company's application for an Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Expansion Program grant.

We applaud their efforts to bring fiber-optic high-speed broadband to the Jackson County residents of 216th Street and Bellevue Cascade Road. Currently these customers have only two very inadequate options for Internet access, especially since the Covid-19 pandemic has rapidly caused the need for these services to skyrocket. The first option, a line-of-sight wireless internet, is difficult to receive in the high bluffs and deep valleys of these areas. The other option, Windstream, is still serving their customers with only low-bandwidth analog copper wire.

La Motte Telephone Company is committed to improving access to this critical service for their neighbors. The Jackson County Board of Supervisors enthusiastically supports this project and strongly encourages you to fully fund this proposal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Steines".

Mike Steines, Chair
Jackson County Board of Supervisors

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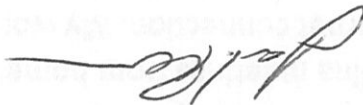
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Sincerely,



Jason and Carrie Rowan

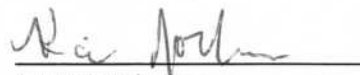
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To whom it may concern,

As a residential homeowner living at 36541 Bellevue Cascade Road, west of Bellevue, Iowa, I can confirm that my residence is unserved for high-speed Internet bandwidth. My home is not in the line of sight for terrestrial wireless tower Internet service due to the surrounding hills and bluffs of the Mississippi River valley.

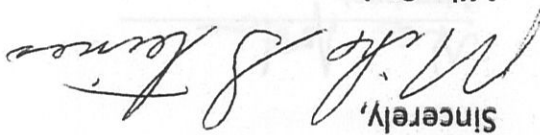
Without high-speed broadband Internet, with sufficient upload and download speeds, telework and distance learning are difficult or inaccessible. The ability for my residence to connect virtually for telework, online learning, or telehealth services would be a lasting benefit beyond the current Covid-19 pandemic circumstances.

Sincerely,


(signature)

Kim Joeham
(printed name)

Mike Steines

Sincerely,


To whom it may concern,

As a residential homeowner living at 36746 Bellevue Cascade Road, west of Bellevue, Iowa, I can attest to the fact that my residence does not have access to high-speed internet bandwidth. My home is not in the line of sight for terrestrial wireless tower internet service due to the surrounding hills and bluffs.

Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Jackson County Board of Supervisors, of which I am a member, is conducting business meetings via Zoom. It has been difficult for me to participate in these online meetings from home due to the lack of consistent and reliable high-speed internet connection. My work as a realtor is also greatly impacted by the lack of sufficient download and upload speeds necessary for my work. A solution is needed.

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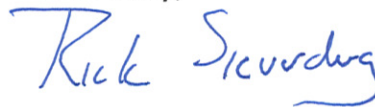
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To whom it may concern,

As a residential homeowner living at 33155 216th Street west of Bellevue, Iowa, I can attest to the fact that my residence is unserved for high-speed Internet bandwidth. My home is not in the line of sight for terrestrial wireless tower Internet service due to the surrounding hills and bluffs.

During this time of the Covid-19 pandemic, I am unable to work from home because I do not have a reliable Internet connection that provides both the needed upload and download speeds necessary for my work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rick Sieverding". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

Rick Sieverding

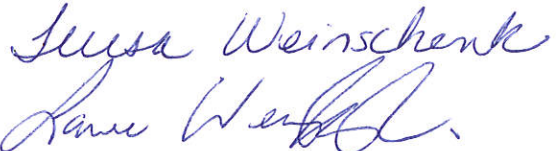
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To whom it may concern,

As residential homeowners living at 33011 216th Street west of Bellevue, Iowa, we can attest to the fact that our residence is unserved for high-speed Internet bandwidth via buried cable or wireless towers. The surrounding bluffs do not allow for line of sight to terrestrial wireless towers.

With the current Covid-19 pandemic, the availability of high-speed bandwidth on fiber optic cable would provide the critical option to work from home.

Sincerely,

The block contains two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The first signature is 'Teresa Weinschenk' and the second is 'Lavern Weinschenk'. Both are written in a cursive, flowing style.

Teresa and Lavern Weinschenk