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July 29, 2020

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this in support of a grant opportunity through the State of Iowa and the CARES Act for the support of our local company Danville Telecom.

Danville Telecom has been our local supplier for our fiber and has provided the District with high quality internet. The company is also in the process of supplying all the homes in Danville with fiber.

In March, 2020 when the Governor closed our school and we were forced to teach virtually and we were pressed with an immediate problem of access to learning for all our students. During such time we submitted a survey to our patrons and found that approximately 46% of our students did not have access to high speed internet. Now we are required to have a virtual plan for all our students to learn via a platform and without the ability to reach those students, learning will not take place.

The only means our students will have to learn virtually is for Danville Telecom to receive this grant and they are shovel ready.

In my professional opinion this would be the best way to spend federal/state dollars.

Yours in education,



Dr. Tom Ward, Superintendent

August 3, 2020

Office of the Chief Information Officer of the State of Iowa
c/o Broadband Grants Program Administrator
200 E. Grand Ave.
Des Moines, IA 50309

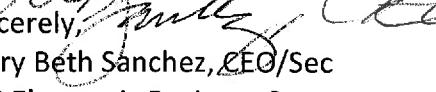
RE: NOFA #003 Broadband Grant Program

Dear Chief Information Officer Annette Dunn and Review Committee:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Danville Mutual Telephone. We would like to express our full support of the Broadband Grant application through the CARES Act for Danville Mutual Telephone. They have a long and successful history of providing state-of-art broadband service at advanced speeds to other rural communities, as well as a strong reputation for excellent customer service and community commitment. We are confident in their capabilities of enhancing broadband service for our Technology Company. With the assistance of this grant, Danville Mutual Telephone's expanded broadband network will enable us to overcome geographical distances, empower us through information, and bring the world to us through the touch of a keyboard. As an unserved rural area with limited availability to advanced Internet services, we face many challenges including limited medical resources and distance between patients, physicians, specialists and facilities. Because of the rural nature of our area, our students do not receive equitable broadband resources as other students in more urban learning centers. Our community currently lacks the research; distance learning, video and other tools that advanced broadband can bring to a rural school. Therefore, it is extremely important that broadband grant funding be obtained to provide much needed broadband service to our area.

At the start of the COVID pandemic, we had virtually all of our staff go remote. I struggled at my home with DSL service, Zoom meetings would lag and freeze, VPN connections would drop. I truly need a fiber connection to allow me to work from home successfully and keep in touch with my staff and customers.

Danville Mutual Telephone has a long and successful history of providing state-of-art broadband service at advanced speeds to other rural communities and has a strong reputation for community commitment and customer service, we are confident in their capabilities of enhancing broadband service for Danville.

Sincerely, 
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RE: Nofa #3 Broadband Grant Program

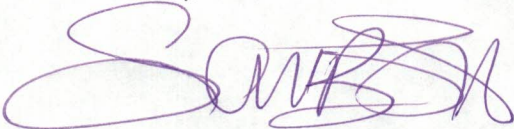
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If we were to get broadband at our home-based business, it would greatly increase our abilities to get our work completed. Currently, it is so slow, that we cannot upload files that we need to get uploaded for our business and we aren't very productive when we can't even get orders placed. Since our business is in telecommunications, we need to be able to access our customers' systems remotely and in a timely manner. We also need to be able to download files to work with in our business and it's difficult with what we are currently using for internet.

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Danville IA 52623
319-576-7139

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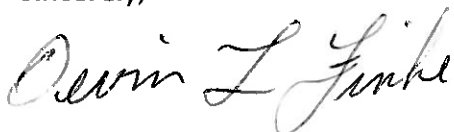
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We strongly urge the Office of the Chief Information Officer of the State of Iowa fund this Broadband Grant application, not only will this help with sustaining the future of advanced broadband services in Danville Mutual Telephone's proposed funded service area, but also promoting the future economic stability of our community.

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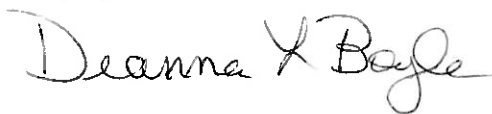
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