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July 28, 2019

RE: Infrastructure Grant

To Whom It May Concern:

As a teacher the impact of technology on the education system and economic impact on our county is immense. Being rural we have the need for better broadband throughout the county.

Programs expanding internet access levels the playing field for our students in the county. Fiber will allow for a reliable connection that can handle several devices online at the same time. This is something we currently do not have in large parts of our rural county.

This grant will allow for students and parents working from home to access the internet at the same time and make an economic impact in many homes. Reliability that fiber brings will change the equity of broadband for all of Alpines customers. It will also allow Alpine customers the opportunity to open up online businesses and improve peoples lives.

I strongly support Alpine Communications efforts to expand fiber in Clayton County.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Sharon Keehner in blue ink.

Sharon Keehner
Business Teacher & Clayton County Supervisor



Clayton County Board of Supervisors

Steve Doeppke, Sharon Keehner, and Ray Peterson

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July 30, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

I write on behalf of the Clayton County Board of Supervisors in support of the Alpine Communications grant proposal to implement and fund the expanded fiber broadband to the residents in Clayton County. This project will help reduce internet disparities throughout our county. We strongly support this grant application.

As a county we appreciate Alpine Communications ongoing and past efforts to reduce broadband disparities in our county by providing leadership with this grant to continue this expansion for residents.

Fiber optics will allow our residents the ability to access data at faster speeds. This speed will allow for expanded educational and work opportunities from home and keep moving rural Iowa into the 21st Century.

We appreciate Alpine Communications taking responsibility to lead this grant. This grant will expand economic opportunities in Clayton County and internet equity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Doeppke". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Steve Doeppke
Clayton County Board of Supervisors