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Office of the Chief Information Officer of the State of Iowa  
200 E. Grand Ave.  
Des Moines, IA 50309  
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RE: Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Expansion Grant Program – NOFA #005

Dear Chief Information Officer and Review Committee:

This is a letter of fervent support and reference for MiBroadband's application for a grant from Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Expansion Grant Program to provide broadband service to defined rural areas in Iowa.

As one of MiBroadband's first customers to adopt their broadband services I am honored to write a letter of reference for MiBroadband's expansion efforts. Our family farm has benefited from connecting to MiBroadband's broadband services since 2013. MiBroadband's services have greatly helped us in the success of our agriculture and livestock farming business and serving our communities.

As a family, we are proud of our ability to give back to our communities by being active in local area and state associations such as the Minnesota Pork Producers Association, our family's church, the Preston Area Community Foundation Board, the Fillmore County FSA committee, and Spring Valley Living Board. Without the use of MiBroadband's reliable broadband services we would not be able to contribute to many of those activities and continue with our successful farming operation.

The availability of reliable high-speed broadband services provided by MiBroadband makes it possible for us to collaborate with several families for our contract swine finishing and have a farming operation large enough to employ a number of valuable individuals. We trust MiBroadband to provide us with our exceptional broadband connection so much that we've installed equipment on our grain leg in order to provide services to other families nearby. We are confident that MiBroadband's commitment to providing exceptional broadband services in rural areas of Iowa will continue to bring value to other people in areas like ours.

For these reasons, I strongly encourage the State of Iowa to support Governor Reynolds' effort of 100% broadband adoption and approve this project. I look forward to your call to discuss our fervent support of MiBroadband's candidacy as a trusted broadband provider in Iowa for the Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Expansion Grant funds.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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