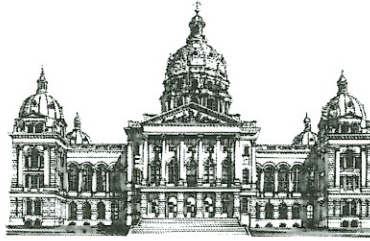


KEVIN KINNEY  
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*Thirty-ninth District*  
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STATEHOUSE  
Des Moines, IA 50319

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Office of the Chief Information Officer of the State of Iowa  
200 E. Grand Ave.  
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June 23, 2021

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Current Provider: Current internet speed:

Reason internet is important to you:

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Sincerely, Kevin Kinney  
State Senator

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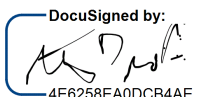
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Current Provider: southslope

Current internet speed: unknown

Reason internet is important to you:  
accessability

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Sincerely,  tjd@southslope.net  
4E6258EA0DCB4AE...

Email address: tjd@southslope.net

Date: 7/6/2021

Occupation: tjd@southslope.net

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Current Provider: Southslope

Current internet speed: 14-16

Reason internet is important to you:

My wife works from home on occasion and my kids have had virtual learning.

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Sincerely,  Body shop owner/manager  
73A6FFF395E748F...

Email address: tdeister@hotmail.com

Date: 6/17/2021

Occupation: Body shop owner/manager

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Current Provider: South Slope

Current internet speed: 14.1mbps

Reason internet is important to you:

Faster Internet Speeds

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Sincerely,  Teacher  
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Email address: sheena.eister@gmail.com

Date: 6/17/2021

Occupation: Teacher

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Current Provider: Southslope

Current internet speed: 20/1

Reason internet is important to you:

I need internet mainly to do college courses. Also, internet is important because it brings awareness on any news that's happening not only in the world but in your community which is

very important. Can't forget the perk of Netflix and other sites that

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Sincerely,  Student  
Email address: lecarielion@gmail.com

Date: 6/15/2021

Occupation: Student

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Current Provider: Southslope

Current internet speed: unknown

Reason internet is important to you:

work from home on occasion

streaming

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Sincerely,  Appraisal Clerk  
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Email address: candyellery32@gmail.com

Date: 6/15/2021

Occupation: Appraisal Clerk

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Current Provider: South Slope

Current internet speed: 20

Reason internet is important to you:

Better ability to stream TV and faster internet speed.

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Sincerely,  retired  
7AF19D3E4A6A499...  
Email address: fje3333@aol.com

Date: 6/15/2021

Occupation: retired

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Current Provider: South Slope

Current internet speed: 20M/1M

Reason internet is important to you:

The pandemic made it abundantly clear that internet is as important as phone service and other utilities as we were isolated for 15 months. It became an important lifeline of

communication. Little has changed in speed since moving to the area 26 years ago. We strongly urge the Office of the Chief Information Officer of the State of Iowa fund this Empower Rural Iowa Broadband Grant application. Not only will this help with sustaining the future of advanced broadband services in South Slope's proposed funded service area, but also promoting the future economic stability of our community.

Sincerely,  Farmer  
2A12357524E449D...  
Email address: diannelacina@icloud.com

Date: 6/17/2021

Occupation: Farmer

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Current Provider: South Slope

Current internet speed: 3-15 mps

Reason internet is important to you:

We are dependent on the internet for many reasons. The grandkids spend a lot of time with us due to working parents. Schooling has been a battle to say the least. Speed and consistency are what is needed in today's world.

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Sincerely,  Child care  
EB5EF9156A514D7...

Email address: ssmall\_98@yahoo.com

Date: 6/15/2021

Occupation: Child care

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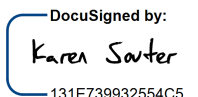
Current internet speed: unsure

Reason internet is important to you:

Need for occasional zoom meetings.

Emails from employer

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Sincerely,  RN  
131E739932554C5...  
Email address: Rxrealnice@aol.com

Date: 6/17/2021

Occupation: RN

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Current Provider: South slope

Current internet speed: slow

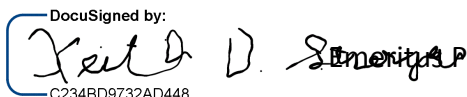
Reason internet is important to you:

I am a retired mathematician, still active in some work that requires a computer connexion.

Higher speed would be helpful for that and personal uses.

~~We live in Clear Creek Town, rural Tiffin Postal address.~~

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Sincerely,  Emeritus Professor  
C234BD9732AD448...

Email address: keith-stroyan@uiowa.edu

Date: 6/16/2021

Occupation: Emeritus Professor

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Current Provider: Southslope Cooperative      Current internet speed: 20/1  
Reason internet is important to you:

My husband often needs to work from home in evenings including Zoom meetings. We have college-age kids, one who took all classes remotely from our home this past year. Downloads can take hours!

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Sincerely,  Teacher  
34FD682EDC45421...  
Email address: jszot@southslope.net

Date: 6/29/2021

Occupation: Teacher

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Current Provider: SOUTH SLOPE

Current internet speed: 10 mbps

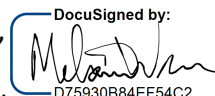
Reason internet is important to you:

Fast and reliable internet is very important as my husband and I run our own buisness and I work from home for the federal government. Slow internet causes a lot of issues and

frustrations for our work.

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Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:  
  
D75930B84EF54C2...

Email address: melstimwier@gmail.com

Date: 6/10/2021

Occupation: Museum Curator and Wellness Coach

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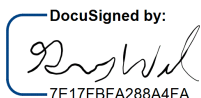
Current Provider: Southslope

Current internet speed: Not sure

Reason internet is important to you:

Run my business out of my house

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Sincerely,    
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Owner operator winkels maintenance and repair

Email address: gwink95@gmail.com

Date: 6/21/2021

Occupation: Owner operator winkels maintenance and repair