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State of Iowa, Office of the Chief Information Office
Attn: Iowa Broadband Grant Program-Review Committee
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Hello, my name is Mike Katschman and I am a City Council member as well as Finance Officer for the City of Sioux Rapids, IA. Connectivity is the key to community vitality and growth. In this unprecedented era of technology, fast and reliable high-speed internet is quickly moving from the realm of a want to a need. We've spoken to communities with fiber and we understand that this speed and reliable connectivity can only come from fiber. As such, we are supportive of Evertex's effort to bring fiber to our residents.

Within the lines of communication with our local businesses, we have found a large disparity in the speed and connection that they require to conduct daily business in our town. That is frustrating from a municipality's stand point as our local businesses are vital to survival of our community. Without them our town may very well dry up as many have in the past decades.

As a municipality, we look forward to not only reaping the benefits of this project, but also in being a true partner with Evertex. Our dealings with them in the past have given us the utmost confidence in their ability to complete this project and enhance the lives of our residents as well as enhance the service and profitability of our local businesses.

Thank you,

Mike Katschman
City of Sioux Rapids

In the Valley of Beauty on the Highway of Progress

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To Whom it May Concern:

As a business leader of one of the largest employers in the area, and as a resident of Sioux Rapids, I very much support Evertek's desire to bring fiber optics to our rural community. For many years, our organization has struggled with slow, unreliable internet service, which often impacts our ability to effectively operate the business. Fast, reliable internet is no longer a luxury – it is critical infrastructure necessary to operate a successful business. Without this infrastructure, we will continue to see businesses and residents move away from our smaller communities. The ultra-fast internet provided by the fiber optic network Evertek is seeking to bring to Sioux Rapids would be a game-changer for our business and community as a whole.

Sincerely,



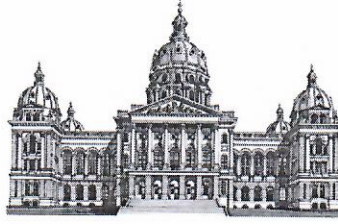
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June 23, 2021

Dear Iowa Broadband Grant Program-Review Committee:

Thank you for commitment to the expansion of broadband services throughout the great State of Iowa. As a both a customer of Evertek and as a State Representative, I wholeheartedly support Evertek's broadband grant application.

Evertek strives to bring high speed internet to their rural customers all across Northwest Iowa. In the past, they have been able to do that financially on their own. COVID-19 increased the demands for high-speed broadband and now Evertek is in a position to replace areas served with fixed wireless with fiber.

Evertek is a trusted community leader and stable business. They have experience in such projects as they laid fiber out for their Everly exchange over 12 years ago and recently updated the electronics on all of their customer's homes in their fiber plant.

I trust them with funds from customers and taxpayers.

Their efforts are essential for our rural communities. Evertek's mission is in keeping with the legislative intent of broadband expansion. I am excited for their efforts to unfold. I fully endorse those efforts and eagerly recommend Evertek for broadband grants.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Megan Jones".

Megan Jones
House District 2
State Representative