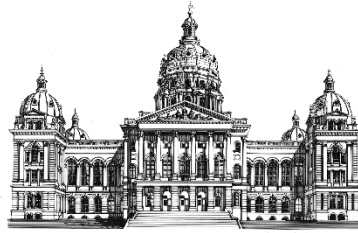


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RE: Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Grant Program – NOFA #006

July 26, 2021

This letter is in recommendation of Spring Grove Communications for a grant to complete their fiber to home project with robust upload and download speeds in Northwestern Allamakee County. This beautiful corner of Iowa is blessed with rocky bluffs and wooded hills and valleys. Although the area is gorgeous, it presents a problem for cellular service and even wireline availability in the area.

School children in the area are at a disadvantage when it comes to distance learning, residents are unable to work from home, and there is little hope of attending college classes remotely. Highspeed access has become critical to our daily lives and I am happy to hear Spring Grove Communications is willing to bring fiber to this remote region of Iowa. Without the aid of this grant, the project would be not feasible.

It is my honor to recommend Spring Grove Communications for this grant and I trust you will find them to be a worthy candidate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anne Osmundson". The signature is fluid and cursive, written on a light blue background.

Representative Anne Osmundson  
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RE: Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Grant Program – NOFA #006

To Whom It May Concern:

The Allamakee County Supervisors are in full support of the grant application by Spring Grove Communications. Expanding broadband to the rural Dorchester area in Allamakee County will be a great addition, benefitting both the businesses and residents of the area.

Thank you for considering Spring Grove Communications for this grant opportunity.

Sincerely,



Larry Schellhammer, Chair  
Allamakee County Supervisors

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RE: Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Grant Program – NOFA #006

It is with great enthusiasm that I write this letter in support of Spring Grove Communications to run fiber optic cable into the Dorchester, Iowa area. This region has rugged topography and is in one of the most remote regions of the state. In order to accommodate remote learning last year, the district provided “hotspot” devices through US Cellular, but cell service is quite sketchy there and was not reliable. There is a definite need for reliable broadband internet in that large area of our school district. The students and residents in this area would benefit enormously from this project. We hope that you will give their application your utmost consideration.

Sincerely,

Jay Mathis