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Office of the Chief Information Officer of the State of Iowa
200 E. Grand Ave.
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RE: Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Expansion Grant Program – NOFA
#006

Dear Chief Information Officer and Review Committee:

I would like to express my full support of the Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Expansion Grant application for Central Scott Telephone (Central Scott) broadband plan for portions of rural Iowa, Senate District 49 that lie south of the Wapsipinicon River that would address the lack of adequate broadband Internet access and connectivity in the area. Due to Central Scott's long and successful history of providing state-of-the-art broadband service at modern speeds to other rural communities and their strong reputation for customer service and community commitment, I am confident in their capability to enhance broadband service for the residents of rural Senate District 49 that lie predominately south of the Wapsipinicon River.

As an underserved area with limited modern Internet services, residents of rural Senate District 49 that lie south of the Wapsipinicon River are faced with many challenges, such as limited medical resources and distance barriers between patients, physicians, and facilities. Because of the rural nature of the area, students do not receive equitable broadband resources as compared to those in more urban areas. Rural students may lack the opportunity for research, distance learning, video, and other tools that advanced broadband can deliver.

With funding assistance from the Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Expansion Grant program, Central Scott's proposed expansion will enable the residents of rural Senate District 49 that lie south of the Wapsipinicon River to overcome geographical distances, empower them through information, and bring the world to

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I respectfully ask you to consider Central Scott's proposal for their fiber project in rural Senate District 49 that lie south of the Wapsipinicon River. It is extremely important that state broadband grant funding be obtained to provide much needed broadband service to this area.

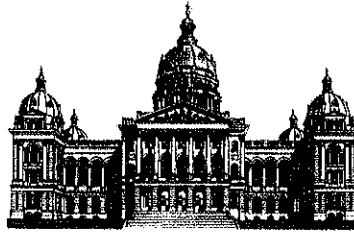
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Cournoyer".

Senator Chris Cournoyer
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July 11, 2021

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Dear Chief Information Officer and Review Committee:

I would like to express my full support of the Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Expansion Grant application for Central Scott Telephone (Central Scott) broadband plan for portions of rural Iowa, House District 97 that lie predominately south of the Wapsipinicon River that would address the lack of adequate broadband Internet access and connectivity in the area. Due to Central Scott's long and successful history of providing state-of-the-art broadband service at modern speeds to other rural communities and their strong reputation for customer service and community commitment, I am confident in their capability to enhance broadband service for the residents of rural House District 97 that lie predominately south of the Wapsipinicon River.

As an underserved area with limited modern Internet services, residents of rural House District 97 that lie predominately south of the Wapsipinicon River are faced with many challenges, such as limited medical resources and distance barriers between patients, physicians, and facilities. Because of the rural nature of the area, students do not receive equitable broadband resources as compared to those in more urban areas. Rural students may lack the opportunity for research, distance learning, video, and other tools that advanced broadband can deliver.

With funding assistance from the Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Expansion Grant program, Central Scott's proposed expansion will enable the residents of rural House District 97 that lie predominately south of the Wapsipinicon River to overcome geographical distances, empower them through information, and bring the world to their fingertips. Additionally, I feel strongly that this project will enable greater collaboration and teamwork between community service centers, public safety offices, county offices, and municipal offices.

I respectfully ask you to consider Central Scott's proposal for their fiber project in rural House District 97 that lie predominately south of the Wapsipinicon River. It is extremely important that state broadband grant funding be obtained to provide much needed broadband service to this area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rep. Norlin Mommsen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Rep." written in a smaller, more formal script than the last name.

Representative Norlin Mommsen
2308 15th St Ct, DeWitt, IA 52742
563.357.9826

July 12, 2021

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RE: Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Expansion Grant Program – NOFA
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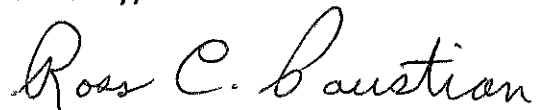
I would like to express my full support of the Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Expansion Grant application for Central Scott Telephone (Central Scott) broadband plan for large portions of rural Iowa, District 92 within Scott County, north of Interstate 80 that would address the lack of adequate broadband Internet access and connectivity in the area. Due to Central Scott's long and successful history of providing state-of-the-art broadband service at modern speeds to other rural communities and their strong reputation for customer service and community commitment, I am confident in their capability to enhance broadband service for residents of rural Iowa District 92 within Scott County that lie north of Interstate 80.

As an underserved area with limited modern Internet services, residents of rural Iowa District 92 within Scott County that lie north of Interstate 80 are faced with many challenges, such as limited medical resources and distance barriers between patients, physicians, and facilities. Because of the rural nature of the area, students do not receive equitable broadband resources as compared to those in more urban areas. Rural students may lack the opportunity for research, distance learning, video, and other tools that advanced broadband can deliver.

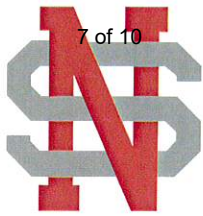
With funding assistance from the Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Expansion Grant program, Central Scott's proposed expansion will enable the residents of rural Iowa District 92 within Scott County that lie north of Interstate 80 to overcome geographical distances, empower them through information, and bring the world to their fingertips. Additionally, I feel strongly that this project will enable greater collaboration and teamwork between community service centers, public safety offices, county offices, and municipal offices.

I respectfully ask you to consider Central Scott's proposal for their fiber project in rural Iowa District 92 within Scott County that lie north of Interstate 80. It is extremely important that state broadband grant funding be obtained to provide much needed broadband service to this area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ross C. Paustian". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Representative Ross C. Paustian
Iowa House District 92
389 W Parkview Dr.
Walcott, IA 52773
563.284.6783
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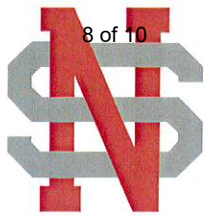
RE: Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Expansion Grant Program – NOFA #006

Dear Chief Information Officer and Review Committee:

I would like to express my full support of the Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Expansion Grant application for Central Scott Telephone (Central Scott) broadband plan for portions of rural Iowa, House District 97 that lie predominately south of the Wapsipinicon River and includes the most rural portions of North Scott School District that would address the lack of adequate student broadband Internet access and connectivity in the area. Central Scott helped provide internet access to our low income students without internet during the pandemic. Due to Central Scott's long and successful history of providing state-of-the-art broadband service at modern speeds to other rural communities and their strong reputation for customer service and community commitment, I am confident in their capability to enhance broadband service for the residents of rural House District 97 that lie predominately south of the Wapsipinicon River.

As an underserved area with limited modern Internet services, residents of rural House District 97 that lie predominately south of the Wapsipinicon River are faced with many challenges, such as limited medical resources and distance barriers between patients, physicians, and facilities. Because of the rural nature of the area, students do not receive equitable broadband resources as compared to those in more urban areas. Rural students may lack the opportunity for research, distance learning, video, and other tools that advanced broadband can deliver.

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I respectfully ask you to consider Central Scott's proposal for their fiber project in rural House District 97 that lie predominately south of the Wapsipinicon River and includes the most rural of North Scott School Districts students. It is extremely important that state broadband grant funding be obtained to provide much needed broadband service to this area.

Sincerely,

Joe Stutting
Superintendent
North Scott Community School District
251 East Iowa Street, Eldridge, IA 52748
563.285.9081

July 18, 2021

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Phone: (515) 281-5503

RE: Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Expansion Grant Program – NOFA
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Dear Chief Information Officer and Review Committee:

I am writing to express my support for Central Scott Telephone (Central Scott) in its application for the Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Expansion Grant. This grant would allow Central Scott to address broadband and connectivity issues in the underserved portions of Scott County north of Interstate 80. Central Scott has played a key role in its private and public service to Scott County citizens. A great example happened at the onset of COVID last year, when Central Scott aided our Scott County Library system and the North Scott community by bringing Internet service to the parking lot of the North Scott Library. Central Scott's long history of providing state-of-the-art broadband service to our rural communities gives me confidence in their capability to expand broadband coverage to additional residents of rural Scott County that lie north of Interstate 80.

As an underserved area with limited modern Internet services, residents of rural Scott County are faced with challenges such as limited medical resources and distance barriers between patients, physicians, and facilities. Because of the rural nature of the area, students do not receive equitable broadband resources as compared to those in more urban areas. Rural students may lack the opportunity for research, distance learning, video, and other tools that advanced broadband can deliver.

With assistance from the Empower Rural Iowa Emergency Broadband Expansion Grant program, Central Scott's proposed expansion will enable the residents of rural Scott County to overcome geographical disadvantages, empower them with information, and bring the world to their fingertips. Additionally, this project will enable greater collaboration and teamwork among community service centers, and public safety, county, and municipal offices.

I respectfully ask you to consider Central Scott's proposal for their fiber project in rural Scott County that lie north of Interstate 80. It is extremely important that state broadband grant funding be obtained to provide much needed broadband service to this area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Knobbe', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Tony Knobbe, Scott County Board of Supervisors
21665 180th Ave.
Davenport, Iowa 52807
563-570-2704