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

Dear Chief Information Officer and Review Committee:

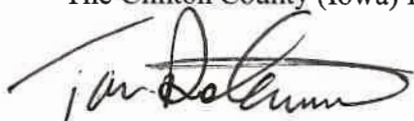
We would like to express our full support of the Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Expansion Grant application for Grand Mound Cooperative Telephone Association (Grand Mound) broadband plan for portions of rural Clinton County to address the lack of adequate broadband Internet access and connectivity in the area. Due to Grand Mound'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, we are confident in their capability to enhance broadband service for the residents of rural Clinton County.

As an underserved area with limited modern internet services, residents of rural Clinton County 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, Grand Mound's proposed expansion will enable the residents of rural Clinton County 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.

We respectfully ask you to consider Grand Mound's proposal for their fiber project in rural Clinton County. It is extremely important that the state broadband grant funding be obtained to provide much needed broadband service to this area.

Sincerely,  
The Clinton County (Iowa) Board of Supervisors



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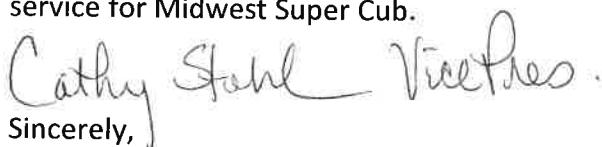
Dear Chief Information Officer and Review Committee:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Grand Mound Cooperative Telephone Association (Grand Mound). We would like to express our full support of the Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Expansion grant application for Grand Mound. They have a long and successful history of providing state-of-art broadband service at advanced speeds to other rural communities, as well as a strong reputation for excellent customer service and community commitment. We are confident in their capabilities of enhancing broadband service for our agricultural business. With the assistance of this grant, Grand Mound's expanded broadband network will enable us to overcome geographical distances, empower us through information, and bring the world to us through the touch of a keyboard.

As an unserved rural area with limited availability to advanced Internet services, we face many challenges including limited medical resources and distance between patients, physicians, specialists, and facilities. Because of the rural nature of our area, our students do not receive equitable broadband resources as other students in more urban learning centers. Our community currently lacks the research; distance learning, video and other tools that advanced broadband can bring to a rural school. Therefore, it is extremely important that broadband grant funding be obtained to provide much needed broadband service to our area.

Funding to Grand Mound Cooperative Telephone for fiber expansion to the rural area would be greatly beneficial to my business in many ways. A consistent connection with our vendors and customers located across the United States is important for our sales and how we operate and can stay in business.

Grand Mound has a long and successful history of providing state-of-art broadband service at advanced speeds to other rural communities and has a strong reputation for community commitment and customer service, we are confident in their capabilities of enhancing broadband service for Midwest Super Cub.

 Cathy Stahl Vice Pres.

Sincerely,  
Midwest Super Cub  
Cathy Stahl  
333 Welton Ave.  
PO Box 10  
Welton, IA 52774

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Additional funding to Grand Mound Cooperative Telephone for fiber expansion to the rural area would tremendously benefit my business in both the way I operate and am able to do business with my customers in the rural Iowa counties where Internet speeds and connections are lacking.

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Sincerely,  
Spain Ag Service  
Jason Spain  
1850 260<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
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*Jason Spain, President*