

July 20, 2021

Office of the Chief Information Officer of the State of Iowa
200 E. Grand Ave.
Des Moines, IA 50309
Phone: (515) 281-5503

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 USA Communications broadband plan for portions of rural Center Point. This project would address the lack of adequate broadband Internet access and connectivity in the area. During the COVID shutdown it was nearly impossible to continue business with our rural employees and volunteers. USA Communications is the broadband provider for the City of Center Point, and we have a strong partnership with them.

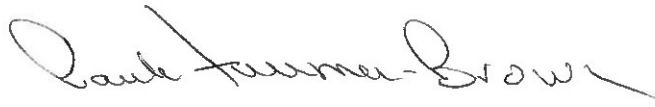
Due to USA Communications' long and successful history of providing state-of-the-art broadband service at modern speeds to other rural communities and their strong reputation for customer service and community commitment, I am confident in their capability to enhance broadband service for the residents of rural Center Point.

As an underserved area with limited modern Internet services, residents of rural Center Point 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, USA Communications' proposed expansion will enable the residents of rural Center Point 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 USA Communications' proposal for their fiber project in rural Center Point. It is extremely important that state broadband grant funding be obtained to provide much needed broadband service to this area.

Sincerely,
Paula Freeman-Brown
Mayor – Center Point
200 Franklin St. Center Point IA 52213
319-849-1508





July 15, 2021

Office of the Chief Information Officer of the State of Iowa
200 E. Grand Ave.
Des Moines, IA 50309

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

Dear Chief Information Officer and Review Committee:

As superintendent of the Alburnett Community School District, I understand the importance of expanding access to state-of-the-art broadband services for the students we serve. For this reason, I support the Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Expansion Grant Application being submitted by USA Communications. Along with a long and successful history of providing exceptional communications services within the state of Iowa, USA Communications has a strong reputation for excellent customer service and commitment to service.

The Alburnett School District utilizes broadband connection every day, which greatly enhances learning opportunities for our students. As it has in the past, education will continue to evolve, making access to digital learning paramount to students and educators. It is critical that we be able to provide them both with reliable, high speed internet. Without advanced broadband, the learning opportunities for a percentage of our students will be greatly limited.

The lack of broadband in underserved communities is a great challenge to our district and has a direct impact on the future success of our students. In more rural areas of the school district, students do not receive equitable broadband resources. With this grant, USA Communications' expansion of fiber broadband will help rural students overcome this obstacle, enhancing their ability to research, participate in paper collaboration, and access video and advanced tools.

USA Communications has a long and successful history of providing state-of-the-art broadband service at advanced speeds to other rural communities. Additionally, they have a strong reputation for community commitment and customer service. Because of this, I am confident in their capabilities for enhancing broadband service in the Alburnett Community School District area.

Respectfully,

Dr. Dani Trimble, Alburnett CSD Superintendent
131 Roosevelt St
Alburnett, IA 52202
319-842-2266

July 26, 2021

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

Dear Chief Information Officer and Review Committee:

As a Kirkwood Community College (IT) employee, I know the importance of expanding access to state-of-the-art broadband services is extremely important. I would like to express my full support of the Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Expansion Grant Application for USA Communications. They have a long and successful history of providing exceptional communications services within the State of Iowa. USA Communications has a strong reputation for excellent customer service and commitment.

The Cedar Rapids School district utilizes broadband connection every day and greatly enhances learning opportunities for our students in the classroom. Education will continue to evolve, and it is very evident that digital learning will continue to play a crucial role. It is critical for all students in our school district to have access to reliable, high speed Internet. Without advanced broadband, the learning opportunities for a percentage of our students will be greatly limited.

The lack of broadband in underserved communities is a great challenge as we learned during Covid 19 and has a direct impact on the future success of our students. Due to the rural nature of the area, students do not receive equitable broadband resources as compared to those in more urban areas. With this grant, USA Communications' expansion of fiber broadband will help some of our rural students overcome this obstacle and provide opportunities for research, peer collaboration, distance learning, video and advanced tools.

The lack of broadband during Covid19 inhibited many students, instructors and employees working from home, caused much frustration. Students fell behind in classes, some dropped out. Instructors struggled to hold uninterrupted class time with freeze ups and connectivity issues.

USA Communications has a long and successful history of providing state-of-the-art broadband service at advanced speeds to other rural communities and has a strong reputation for

community commitment and customer service, I am confident in their capabilities of enhancing broadband service in rural Center Point.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Baker
4178 Quail Ridge Rd.
Center Point, IA 52213
319-350-5914

July 6, 2021

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Our business is currently operating on dial up internet. We truly need faster speeds and more reliable connection to keep our computers and security system online.

USA Communications 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 Epic Event Center.

Sincerely,
A&M Auto
3243 Epic Dr
Robins, IA 52328
319-361-5597

July 16, 2021

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200 E Grand Ave
Des Moines, IA 50309
Phone: (515) 281-5503

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

Dear Chief Information Officer and Review Committee:

I am writing this letter on behalf of USA Communications. As a resident of rural Center Point, Iowa, we would like to express our full support of the Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Expansion Grant application for USA Communications. They have a long and successful history of providing state-of-art communications services within the State of Iowa. USA Communications has a strong reputation for community commitment and strong customer service. We are confident in USA Communications' capabilities for enhancing broadband service for those residing in rural Center Point.

With the assistance from the broadband grant, USA Communications will be able to enhance our broadband connectivity with a fiber network design. This fiber build will enable us to overcome some geographical distances, empower us through information, and bring the world to us through a few simple strokes of a keyboard. As an unserved rural area with limited access to 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. We lack the ability to engage in distance learning, video and other tools that advanced broadband can bring to our students. Therefore, it is extremely important that broadband grant funding be obtained to provision for much needed broadband service to our area.

We strongly urge the Chief Information Officer and Review Committee to fund this Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Expansion Grant application, not only will this help with sustaining the future of advanced broadband services in USA Communications' proposed funded service area, but also promoting the future economic stability of our community.

Sincerely,

Name: Center Point Farm & Auto, Inc.
Michael K. Liercke owner

Address: 216 Rosedale Drive Center Point, IA 52213

Comments: because of there is no rural internet in our area my wife & daughter have had to work from my business which caused me to renovate my work office to allow them to 'work from home'. I had to remodel add 2 desk/area rearranged and up my speed for them. Rural access would help greatly

CPFA, Inc.
Michael K. Liercke
owner

July 13, 2021

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I have only one provider that I have been able to identify (and that I am currently using) that can offer me Tier 2 speeds with no data limits. That provider resells 4G LTE service from AT&T. If I try to go directly to AT&T, I cannot get the same service without data limits. This same provider was unable to serve my next-door neighbor, presumably because my next-door neighbor has more trees in the line of sight to the AT&T tower.

There are no cable or DSL providers that can provide service to my home. CenturyLink has informed me I am too far from their office/hub.

In the past, I have had service from Rise Broadband and SpeedConnect, each for several years. Neither was able to achieve any better than 10 MB down and 2 MB up. Both providers told me that line-of-sight impediments (trees, foliage, terrain) prevented better speeds. In addition, I had

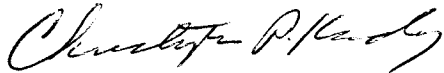
frequent reliability problems, including complete dropouts and severely degraded performance (down to less than 1 to 2 MB down).

Because my current service is through a reseller, I am extremely concerned that I will have no acceptable options if my provider were to go out of business or have a falling out with AT&T.

I know that I am not alone in my predicament. Most, if not all, of my neighbors have sub-Tier 2 service at this time.

USA Communications 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 my business and for my neighbors' businesses and residences. Please approve their request for funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher P. Kardos". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Christopher" being more prominent than the last name "Kardos".

Christopher P. Kardos, President

C.P. Kardos, Inc.
3693 Lafayette Rd
Center Point, IA 52213
(319) 431-6620

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We are currently an event center hosting numerous types of events. From weddings to business meetings. With our dial up internet, we are barely able to run our security cameras and POS systems. We desperately need faster internet speeds to keep our business moving forward.

USA Communications 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 Epic Event Center.

Sincerely,
Epic Event Center
2987 Epic Dr
Robins, IA 52328
319-743-3742

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July 6, 2021

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

Dear Chief Information Officer and Review Committee:

I am writing this letter on behalf of USA Communications. We would like to express our full support of the Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Expansion grant application for USA Communications. 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 business, Gordon Kennels. The assistance of this grant, USA Communications' 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.

Gordon Kennels utilizes the internet for all our basic office needs: invoicing, marketing, bookkeeping and more. We use it on a daily basis. Our current internet is very expensive and does not have consistent service. If the weather gets bad, we know we have to leave our business to find reliable internet. We had USA Communication when we lived in town and are confident if we had it here it would allow us to save time and money if we had it again.

USA Communications 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 the Center Point community.

Sincerely,



Thomas Gordon

3998 Williams Lake Road
Center Point, Iowa 52213
319-540-2745

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I am a self-employed Realtor and have a home office which utilizes the internet for all our basic office needs: invoicing, meeting clients, marketing, bookkeeping, training and more. I use the internet every day. I am also a certified instructor for real estate classes. The current internet is very expensive and does not have consistent service. If the weather gets bad, I know I have to leave my business to find reliable internet. In 2019, I had USA Communication when I lived in town and am confident if we had it here it would allow us to save time and money if we had it again. As a Realtor, I understand how my clients value high speed internet. When the pandemic happened, not having high-speed internet that supported them working from home AND their kids homeschooling was the biggest problem. When I conduct a Zoom class, I have to leave my house. As you can see, this is extremely important to my business.

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Sincerely,



Jami Gordon

3998 Williams Lake Road
Center Point, Iowa 52213

319-540-2744

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I work from home for Transamerica and do so remotely. Our current connection speeds are not cutting it for that as well as my side businesses of network deployment and Managed Internet services. We need connection to our clients for monitoring remotely deployed equipment in the field. We also need a faster internet connection in order to support our clients pcs remotely and we do so using teamviewer. Currently our WISP connection with Rise Broadband is very unreliable since last year's big storm that came through our area.

Our internet connection isn't only used for business purposes. We also use many IoT devices to make our lives easier and more efficient. We are a subscriber to youtube tv as well as a few other

internet based streaming services. So with all this use of our internet, Rise Broadband does not meet our needs and we are at a point where we are looking to switch to a more reliable/faster/more stable connection and we believe that USA Communications is the company to do this for me and my local community.

USA Communications 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 Toddville and surrounding areas.

Sincerely,
Martens Farm/Martens Farm Technical Resource Group
Maxwell R Martens
3500 Standlea Rd
Toddville Iowa 52341
319-677-2384

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We are in the process of building in this location and faster internet is going to be a must for our security system.

USA Communications 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 Epic Event Center.

Sincerely,
Rosekrans Home Sales LLC
Epic Ct
Robins, IA 52328
319-361-3713

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Our business is currently operating on dial up internet. We truly need faster speeds and more reliable connection to keep our computers and security system online.

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Sincerely,
Sunderman Construction
3243 Epic Dr
Robins, IA 52328
319-899-1120

July 6, 2021

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Sincerely,
Third Pedal
3243 Epic Dr
Robins, IA 52328
319-551-7711

July 6, 2021

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Dear Chief Information Officer and Review Committee:

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With the assistance from the broadband grant, USA Communications will be able to enhance our broadband connectivity with a fiber network design. This fiber build will enable us to overcome some geographical distances, empower us through information, and bring the world to us through a few simple strokes of a keyboard. As an unserved rural area with limited access to 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. We lack the ability to engage in distance learning, video and other tools that advanced broadband can bring to our students. Therefore, it is extremely important that broadband grant funding be obtained to provision for much needed broadband service to our area.

We strongly urge the Chief Information Officer and Review Committee to fund this Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Expansion Grant application, not only will this help with sustaining the future of advanced broadband services in USA Communications' proposed funded service area, but also promoting the future economic stability of our community.

Sincerely,

Charity Washburn
319-501-2328

3885 Williams Lake Rd
Center Point, IA 52213

I own a small mechanic shop in the town of Center Point.
Some days I need to work from home - to do behind the
scene paperwork. The only internet I have access to is
cellular - which does not allow me to do the kind of book
work I need to. This would greatly improve my business.

July 14, 2021

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As a software company operating out of our residence, we are part of a growing number of home-based businesses that require fast, reliable internet. We are unable to get fast reliable internet in are area. Our only options are satellite or cellular hotspot, which are not considered "unlimited" and therefore throttle down to Tier 1 speeds far before each month is up. Century Link, which claims to offer DSL to our area, has told us many times that their infrastructure cannot even provide us very minimal DSL. We are not able to get signal from any of the line-of-sight broadband operating in the area. Simply put, we have no viable options for consistent high-speed internet.

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Sincerely,



Rich Toomsen
Vista Software LLC
3849 Spur Lane
Center Point, IA 52213
319-343-8534

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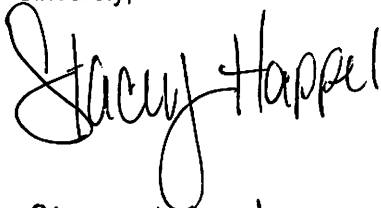
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Sincerely,



Stacey Happel
6421 25th Ave
Vinton IA 52349
319-721-4594



Brian Happel
6421 25th Ave
Vinton IA 52349
(319) 560-1681

July 16, 2021

Office of the Chief Information Officer of the State of Iowa
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Des Moines, IA 50309

Phone: (515) 281-5503

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Name: Kay L. Liercke - Pres. of m.k-Mar Inc.

Address: 4187 McNeil Rd., Center Point, Iowa 52213

Comments:

Broadband would be beneficial for our farming and doctor, pharmacy needs.

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Name: Mark Hiercke

Address: 4173 McNeil Rd., Center Point, IA 52213

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A few others things not available are:

Control Number 415940

- Not being able to video call family or friends
- Cannot live stream for grandchildren school programs
- Movies are now being streamed,
- most of our farm government items need to be downloaded
→ sent on particular programs that we cannot get.

These are just a few of our frustrations. We have been told many times from satellite internet → phone companies that we live in a "dead zone" → will never have this type of service.

It would be absolutely the best thing to happen if broadband was finally available.

July 6, 2021

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Sincerely,

Elke Tuttle
314-582-1137

3587 Williams lake Rd
Center Point, IA 52213

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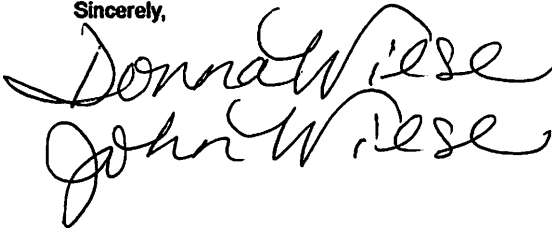
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6423 23rd Avenue
Vinton, IA 52349

Damon and Sarah Ferreter
4354 Sutton Rd
Central City, IA 52214

July 26, 2021

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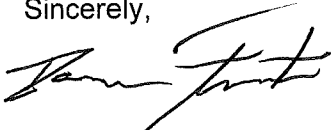
Dear Chief Information Officer and Review Committee:

As a resident in rural Central City, Iowa, we would like to express our full support of the Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Expansion Grant application for USA Communications, who services our area with buried fiber up to less than a mile from us. We used USA Communications for 15 years prior to moving to our current location. Several years ago they upgraded to buried fiber optic service in our previous home in Robins, Iowa and we have come to expect that level of service. At our current location we only have satellite and fixed wireless options. We have tried three separate companies and all of them are severely subpar to what we consider Broadband. USA Communications buried fiber was far superior and we would like to have a comparable option.

With the assistance from the broadband grant, USA Communications will be able to offer us broadband connectivity with a fiber network design. As an under-served rural area with limited access to reliable internet services, we face many challenges. Because of the rural nature of our area, our two kids do not receive as reliable broadband services as other students in more urban areas when doing virtual learning. Virtual meetings have unreliable and for us, working from home is not currently an option. Therefore, it is extremely important that broadband grant funding be obtained to provide for much needed reliable broadband service to our rural area.

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Sincerely,

Stacy Anthony
4128 Alta Vista Dr
Center Point IA 52213

July 26, 2021

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

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Kathy Durow

4838 Blue Creek Road, Center Point, IA 52213

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July 6, 2021

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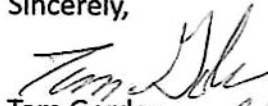
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The Internet has been a problem since we moved to our home in 2019. During the pandemic, internet speed and availability became an even bigger problem. My kids suffered from not being able to access the internet for virtual schooling when we were confined to our home due to a positive Covid case in our family. I work from home so we had to share. We have THREE internet service providers: our cell phone mobile data, a satellite AND a hot spot. Yet we still do not have sufficient speed. Broadband would change our lives.

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Sincerely,


Tom Gordon


Jami Gordon

3998 Williams Lake Road
Center Point, Iowa 52213

319-540-2745

319-540-2744

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Sincerely,

Name: *ROBERT HARPER*

Address: *4121 MCWELL RD, CENTER POINT, IA*

Comments:

July 19, 2021

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Kendra Heinle
Center Point, IA Resident

July 13, 2021

Office of the Chief Information Officer of the State of Iowa
200 E Grand Ave
Des Moines, IA 50309
Phone: (515) 281-5503

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

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Chris Kardos
3693 Lafayette Rd
Center Point, IA 52213
(319) 431-6620

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I have been working remotely from my husband's place of business for the last 18 months, due to the limited availability of high speed internet in rural Linn County, Iowa. This has been an inconvenience as it has forced my husband to up the internet support as his place of business to support not only his business, but also myself and my daughter. We currently have satellite internet due to having trees on 3 sides of our property, and light of sight has not been an option, unless we want to put up an 80 foot tower on our property.

Having access to high speed internet at our home, would be an advantage, when our place of employment starts to lift the restrictions of allowing people on-site, and having to make the decision as to whether or not I want to return to the work place.

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Kris Liercke

4176 McNeil Rd, Center Point, IA 52213

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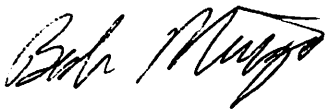
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Name:



Address:

4114 McNeil Rd, Center Point

Comments:

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Sincerely,

Jolene Oler
4120 High Woods Rd, Center Point, IA 52213

July 22, 2021

Office of the Chief Information Officer of the State of Iowa
200 E Grand Ave
Des Moines, IA 50309

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

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Sincerely,

Mark & Kelly Pint
4440 Schultz Road
Center Point, IA 52213

July 26, 2021

Office of the Chief Information Officer of the State of Iowa
200 E Grand Ave
Des Moines, IA 50309
Phone: (515) 281-5503

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

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Sincerely,

Daniel Lee Rieck

3971 Gie Dr. Center Point, Iowa 52213

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

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Sincerely,
Jon Sefton

4798 Blue Creek Road, Center Point, IA 52213

July 14, 2021

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At our residence, we have limited options for getting internet that even approaches Tier 2. Our only options are satellite or cellular hotspot, which are not considered "unlimited" and therefore throttle down to Tier 1 speeds far before each month is up. Century Link, which claims to offer DSL to our area, has told us many times that their infrastructure cannot even provide us very minimal DSL. We are not able to get signal from any of the line-of-sight broadband operating in the area. Simply put, we have no viable options for even Tier 2 speeds.

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Sincerely, 

Rich Toomsen
3849 Spur Lane
Center Point, IA 52213
319-213-5291

July 16, 2021

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Sincerely,

Name: Chris + Kreslyn Toyne

Address: ⁴¹⁰⁰ ~~6000~~ McNeil Rd Center Point 52213

Comments:

We would like the internet due to us working from home on a more consistent basis. We will also have 3 kids in school soon that will need it also

July 6, 2021

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Sincerely,

Kellie Van Ree

Address

2575 58th St Lot 4
Vinton IA 52349

July 15, 2021

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Sincerely,

Judy White 3893 N Center Point Rd, Center Point, IA
Chet White

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Mike J. Wiggins
Kimberly Wiggins
3857 Spur Lane
Center Point, IA

July 26, 2021

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Sincerely,
Ashley Baker

2578 62ND St, Vinton, IA 52349

7/19/2021

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Sincerely,



Nicole Druschel
2602 58th ST
Vinton, IA 52349

July 20, 2021

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Sincerely,



Matthew Johnson

2667 61st Street Lane

Vinton, IA 52349

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Sincerely,
Dan and Ali LaGrange

5690 26th Avenue Drive

Vinton, IA 52349

July 19, 2021

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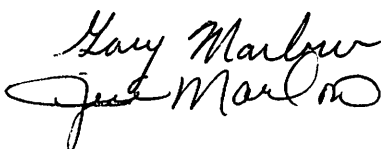
We are writing this letter on behalf of USA Communications. As a resident of rural Benton County, Iowa, we would like to express our full support of the Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Expansion Grant application for USA Communications. They have a long and successful history of providing state-of-art communications services within the State of Iowa. USA Communications has a strong reputation for community commitment and strong customer service. We are confident in USA Communications' capabilities for enhancing broadband service for those residing in Benton County.

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We are retired now; however, our prior employment was heavily dependent on reliable broadband. We both attempted to work from home many times and were unable because of poor broadband connectivity and speed. Our jobs were in the power industry and government and the lack of reliable broadband service was an impediment to the performance of our jobs in providing services to the public.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Marlow" and "Jill Marlow" stacked vertically.

Gary Marlow & Jill Marlow
2397 55th St.
Vinton, IA 52349

7/20/2021

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Lindsey McCoy

6425 27th Ave

Vinton, IA 52349

7/20/2021

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Michael McCoy



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July 20, 2021

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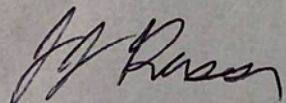
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Jeremy (JJ) Rissi

July 20, 2021

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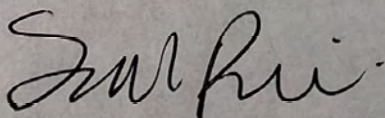
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Sara Rissi

2480 54th St, Vinton, IA 52349
319-560-4430

7/19/2021

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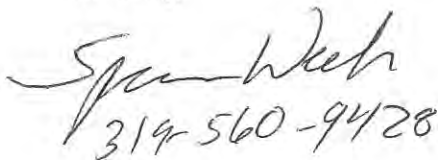
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As a local area grain and livestock producer, we use advancements in technology to help manage crops more effectively and efficiently. We use technology to map fields for maximum grain production. Farmers in the rural Vinton area use broadband for soil mapping which aids in their seed and fertilizer application, GPS systems for precision farming, as well as for irrigation and grain bin monitoring. Fiber to the home connections offer endless opportunities for monitoring services, livestock feed and environment monitoring, security, video surveillance, energy management, and GPS tracking. Therefore, it is extremely important that broadband grant funding be obtained to provision for much needed broadband service to our area.

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Sincerely,



319-560-9428

Spencer Weeks
6239 26th Ave, Vinton IA

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Sincerely,

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