

July 23, 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 am writing this letter on behalf of Lehigh Valley Cooperative Telephone Association (Lehigh Valley). We would like to express our full support of the Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Expansion grant application for Lehigh Valley. 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. With the assistance of this grant, Lehigh Valley'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.

Our current broadband service provider is unable to provide the broadband speeds we have been requesting for years. High speed and reliable broadband service is critical for our online marketing and sales of our trucks and trailers.

Lehigh Valley 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 our truck and trailer sales located in rural Fort Dodge.

Sincerely,

AG Select Truck & Trailer
2295 Nelson Ave
Fort Dodge, IA 50501
515-571-2457

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With the assistance from the broadband grant, Lehigh Valley 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 Lehigh Valley's proposed funded service area, but also promoting the future economic stability of our community.

Sincerely,



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Dulcombe, IA 50532

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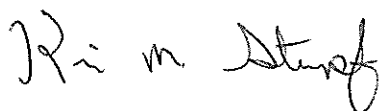
I am writing this letter on behalf of Lehigh Valley Cooperative Telephone Association (Lehigh Valley). As a resident and farmer of rural Fort Dodge, Iowa, we would like to express our full support of the Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Expansion Grant application for Lehigh Valley. They have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

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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 Fort Dodge 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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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim Stumpf". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.