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To Whom It May Concern,

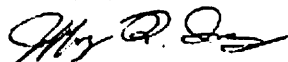
My name is Jeffrey Ives. I am a land owner and farmer in Pocahontas County and I own a home in Rolfe, Iowa. I am currently serving on the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisor Representing District One which includes the towns of Rolfe, Havelock and Plover. I support Northwest Communications application for funding of the 100/100 broadband installation in Rolfe Iowa area.

- Higher broadband speeds will serve as a catalyst for home owned businesses allowing them to compete in a wider market.
- The availability of high speed Internet services will increase the value of homes and business properties. Such high speed services will make our small towns and rural properties more competitive with large communities for those folks seeking the quality of life rural communities can offer while maintaining their abilities to utilize high speed internet communication.
- The high speed service will enable educational opportunities for our local schools as well as community colleges and other universities.

I am sure my daughter and her family as well as my son and his family would have put high speed internet to good use during the elementary and high school shutdowns of our county's schools due to Covid 19. My son's family with an elementary student, a middle school student, as well as a high schooler suffered from slow service with all three attempting to utilize their current service.

- High speed internet has become more important to modern farms as online monitoring of grain drying and storage systems and online monitoring of livestock facilities have become more common. I am told that some irrigation systems now utilize online monitoring. Not to mention connection to markets and other information for grain production.
- I strongly support the installation of high speed internet services to our communities by a well-established local company, Northwest Communications.

Thank you,



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