

July 20, 2021

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

Dear Chief Information Officer and Review Committee:

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

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

Sincerely,

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