

July 2021

To the Office of the Chief Information Officer:

As a resident of rural Winneshiek County, Iowa, I would like to express my full support of Mabel Cooperative Telephone Company's NOFA 6 Grant Application.

So many areas in the State of Iowa are rushing to become high-speed fiber served communities. The area we live in is served by NEIT at internet speeds of less than minimum standards. We don't have wireline access to megabit speeds needed for telework, telehealth or online education. This makes simple internet searches time consuming. Searching for jobs, doing homework, security monitoring, access to healthcare, and research is difficult at these extremely low speeds and with the latency issues of wireless technology. Telecommuting and internet/video streaming are near impossible.

Mabel Cooperative Telephone Company's solution of fiber service will solve these issues and bring a second provider to our area. Please strongly consider the grant application submitted by Mabel Cooperative Telephone Company. Faster connections are no longer just a want, they are a definite NEED. A fiber infrastructure will ensure that we can meet the current and future demands required by our household.

Thank you-

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott and Amy Courtney". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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