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July 26, 2021

**Letter of Support: State of Iowa Broadband Grant Funding to Expand Muscatine Power and Water's Fiber Network into Rural Muscatine County**

To Whom it May Concern:

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors supports the efforts of Muscatine Power and Water to expand their fiber network into rural Muscatine County for the following reasons:

- The proposed MPW project would greatly benefit rural Muscatine County citizens that currently have inadequate broadband service.
- For Muscatine County to continue to grow, solutions must be found to our broadband deficits. This project would accomplish this for over 300 citizens of our county.
- MPW has an excellent reputation for providing superior service at a fair cost and expansion of their fiber network provides more customers over which to spread their fixed costs, which ultimately helps all MPW customers.

We strongly endorse MPW's application for broadband grant funding through the State of Iowa and thank you for your serious consideration.

Sincerely,



Santos Saucedo, Chair  
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The COVID-19 pandemic clearly showed that students without adequate broadband service at home are at a disadvantage for remote learning. Therefore, the Muscatine Community School District fully supports Muscatine Power and Water's grant application to increase broadband services as it would help our students, families, and our community in the following areas:

- When students are underserved, it also greatly impacts their parents, who must find creative ways to get access for their children.
- The proposed MPW project would greatly benefit students in the district that do not have adequate broadband services.
- Fiber networks have also been shown to help improve property values. Strong property values help support the school district financially.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Clint Christopher  
Superintendent