

To Whom It May Concern,

It is my understanding that we have a chance to get broadband in our area(Quasqueton,IA) and we are in huge need of it. The internet service and connections are not reliable and or dependable a lot of the time. This last year has been a huge struggle for all working online and home schooling. We are in dire need of broadband to be able to be able to continue these functions. Video and voice conferences online are not the best and broken up. Please help us in getting this done for our residents. I have lived here for 20 years and the more people are online it seems the more congested it gets.

Thanks

Chad Staton

Mayor of Quasqueton,IA

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Monday, July 26, 2021

Mike Becker
 General Manager
 East Buchanan Telephone Cooperative
 214 3rd St. North PO Box 100
 Winthrop, Iowa 50682

Dear Mr. Becker:

This letter is to support the East Buchanan Telephone Cooperative goal to expand fiber optics in their service territory. The East Buchanan Community School is located in Winthrop, Iowa and most of the families that the school provides educational services are also the same families that the EB Telephone provides telephone/internet services to. It is a great asset to the school district to have the services that EB Telephone provides.

In this changing world, education is moving more and more toward approaches that utilize technology. East Buchanan School will use formats such as Google Classroom, Seesaw and JMC, which all are formats for communicating to students as well as parents for everyday classroom expectations. The East Buchanan School District website is also a place for patrons to get the school news, calendar and social media feeds to keep updated on all events that are happening at the school. All of this requires reliable internet for our students/parents to be successful.

So yes, with the ever-changing world the district is facing, we definitely support the East Buchanan Telephone Cooperative and their efforts to expand fiber to help better provide services to our families and students that live in multiple communities of Winthrop, Quasqueton, and Aurora. Our district is very much a rural district, so a good percentage of our students come from the rural homes within our community. So again, we support the EB Telephone Cooperative for reaching out to serving ALL of our families that live not only in our small towns, but on the surrounding farms that are the staple of our community.

Respectfully,

Daniel J. Fox, Superintendent/Elementary Principal
 East Buchanan Community School District



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To Whom it May Concern,

East Buchanan Telephone Coop (EBTC) has recently expanded its area of coverage and brought high-speed data and fiberoptics to residents who have been critically underserved. There are still significant areas of Buchanan County that are continue to be critically underserved. With the help of this grant, EBTC will be able to continue the much-needed expansion to the Eastern and Southern edge of Buchanan County.

High speed internet is vital for access to healthcare, serving schools and their students, those who work from home, businesses and the ag community throughout Buchanan County. If this last year has taught us nothing more, it has taught us the expansion of high-speed internet throughout or rural areas is critical to staying competitive and being able to communicate with the world around us. Without high-speed internet, those areas and businesses located there are at a severe disadvantage economically.

Included in this discussion is the need to update connectivity within Winthrop and Quasqueton. The businesses within these communities struggle with advancing in commerce because of the lack of reliable fast internet.

Buchanan County Economic Development fully supports and backs EBTC as it applies for these grants and continues to provide the services needed to continue to advance economic development within our county. Without these grants and the foresight of EBTC to pursue this much needed expansion, Buchanan County would lag behind economically and as a place to attract new businesses and residents.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa Kremer".

Lisa Kremer
Executive Director
Buchanan County Economic Development



From: Erica Long <ericalong2@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 12:04 PM
To: Mike Becker <mike.becker@eastbuchanan.com>
Subject: Grant funds for fiber optics

Hello Mike,

I'd like to voice our support, from the Long family in Quasqueton, for fiber optic improved internet services.

We are a family of 4, with two working adults and two students. The company I work for has run a test of our internet speed/connectivity and as a result, I am not able to work from home full-time, as my internet does not meet the standards required. My husband and I do work from home when needed/allowed, but with many difficulties.

Of course our students are also very reliant on internet for their school work.

Any help we could receive to bring better quality internet to our area is much appreciated!!

Thank you,

Erica Long
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From: mrtqsky@netins.net <mrtqsky@netins.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 6:09 PM
To: Mike Becker <mike.becker@eastbuchanan.com>
Subject: Fiber Optic Internet

To Whom It May Concern,

We've been asked to write a letter of support for East Buchanan Telephone Cooperative's grant application to the state of Iowa and we're happy to do so.

I am a person who works at home and relies on the Internet to do my job. We fully support any and all efforts by EBTC to bring technology to rural areas including our small town so workers can telecommute as well as students participate in virtual classrooms.

There is currently inadequate internet service to our area of Quasqueton. Our wish would be for EB to be able to expand their speed to underserved locations in town. Grant funding by the state of Iowa would greatly enhance this opportunity to be better served by EB telephone.

Again, we fully support East Buchanan Telephone Cooperative in their efforts to bring fiber internet and high broadband speeds to rural locations where it is so vitally important. With the Covid-19 pandemic, fiber deployment is in high demand by our rural residents and businesses. It can't be deployed fast enough.

Thank you for your consideration,

Michael & Theresa Robertson

301 Water Street North

Quasqueton IA