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Office of the Chief Information Officer
State of Iowa
200 East Grand Ave Des Moines, IA 50309

To Whom it May Concern:

As the Mayor of the City of Dallas Center, it is my pleasure to write a letter in support for the Empower Rural Iowa Broadband Grant Program (Notice of Funding Availability #008) application being submitted by Minburn Telephone Company ("Minburn") – Application Number 524149.

As required by the Notice of Funding Availability, Sec. 2.2.7.2., this signed letter is intended to confirm that Minburn's proposed pricing for the Covered Speed package (100 Mbps download/100 Mbps upload at \$69.99/month) is affordable for the community.

We see this effort to expand Broadband in and around the community of Dallas Center in NW Dallas County as critical to our efforts to grow our population, support our workforce, and expand business development. The existing service for connectivity available to residents and businesses at the proposed funded service locations is inadequate and does not currently meet their needs. This effort, if funded, will serve to create opportunities for rural residents and businesses for distance learning, telemedicine and telework.

Expanding Broadband access in our rural areas is a key objective of the City of Dallas Center, therefore, I fully support the efforts of Minburn as they seek external funding to support the proposed project.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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