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OCIO

NOFA #008

200 E. Grand Ave.

Des Moines, IA 50309

**Re: NOFA #008 –Broadband Affordability – BIZ#33 – Farmers Mutual Communications,
Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Company of Moulton, Iowa.**

Dear Sir/Madam:

CVPD completed ITQ work for OCIO and was identified as BIZ#33 for Appanoose County, and I am writing in support of the upcoming broadband application of funding from Farmers Mutual, Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Company, as they are committed to providing broadband services that are affordable to our region.

As the local council of governments that is located within Broadband Intervention Zone 507340 (#33), it is my pleasure to write a letter of support for the Empower Rural Iowa Broadband Grant Program (Notice of Funding Availability #008) application being submitted by Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Company of Moulton IA (FMCTC) – Application Number 527030. As required by the Notice of Funding Availability, Sec. 2.2.7.2., this signed letter is intended to confirm that FMCTC's proposed pricing for the Covered Speed package (100M download/100M upload at \$75/month) is affordable for the community.

We see this effort to expand broadband in and around the rural communities of Appanoose County as critical to our efforts for population growth, to help support our workforce, and to expand business development. The existing service for connectivity available to residents and businesses at the proposed 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. Chariton Valley Planning & Development Council believes that the service offers are affordable for the communities and rural areas and beyond.

Respectfully submitted,

Nichole L. Moore

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Executive Director

Mark McGill
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August 23, 2023

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To Whom It May Concern:

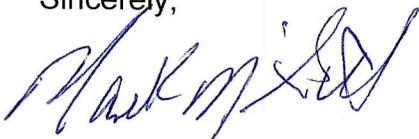
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Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark McGill', is written over the printed name below.

Mark McGill