



To Whom it May Concern,

The Buchanan County Economic Development Commission (BCEDC) is writing this to show our full support of East Buchanan Telephone Cooperative (EBTC) to expand high speed internet in the BIZ zone 506693 area. This area is historically underserved. It is difficult to provide affordable, good quality internet to residents living here. As you know, our small rural areas could and should be a highly attractive area for remote workers and others looking to leave the hustle and bustle of cities to raise their families. Without quality dependable internet these areas are unable to provide needed services for current and potential remote workers and their children who require access for schoolwork as much as a remote workers do. Funding will go a long way to provide this service to current and future residents in this area.

EBTC provides its customers affordable rates and will in addition offer a discount for this area through the Federal Affordable Connectivity Program to qualified individuals of \$30 per month. EBTC has done an excellent job in the county of expanding the opportunities to those in some of our most rural areas with high-speed internet. We hope you will assist them as they continue this expansion in the BIZ 506693 area by providing this much needed grant to make the expansion possible.

Regards,

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

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