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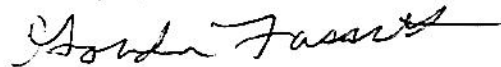
To Whom It May Concern

The City of Clutier is in support of FCTC bringing fiber to Tama County residents of Clutier. Clutier and the surrounding communities within Tama county look to attract businesses and new families to the area. Without an upgrade to our existing infrastructure, it is difficult to entice families and businesses to plant roots in our community. Not being a fiber connected community inhibits our ability for growth.

FCTC provides an affordable price point for their 100/100 broadband option, the ability to stream and have a reliable connection would be significant selling points for our community. The benefits of reliable, higher speeds would allow the City of Clutier to move toward paperless processes and accept ACH payments, thus cutting our costs. Additionally, our First Responders and Fire Department are at a disadvantage with our current DSL speeds.

We are largely a rural community relying heavily on farming. New technologies offered within farming equipment are simply not being used as intended due to lack of sufficient speeds. In our area, Farmers Cooperative Telephone Company offers maximum DSL speeds of 10/1. A high-speed broadband connection would increase efficiency as well as profitability to better sustain our farming operations as well.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gordon Fassett", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gordon Fassett
Mayor of Clutier, Tama County