

Connect Illinois Broadband Grant Program
Community Leader Letter of Support for *Wabash Telephone CO-OP*

March 23, 2020

Dear Connect Illinois Broadband Grant Committee:

My name is _____, and I am writing this letter in support of *Wabash Telephone CO-OP* because our community desperately needs affordable access to high speed broadband services. Our town is disadvantaged compared to other towns in the area due to the lack of reliable high-speed internet service. Lack of sufficient bandwidth has limited our ability to consider and implement educational and economic development programs, such as (check each one that applies):

| Please Check Answer | YES | NO |
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| Connections to telehealth networks | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Distance learning for all levels of students | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Streaming video for education, healthcare, and/or employment | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Connections to corporate network headquarters | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased employment opportunities for residents | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Curbing population migration to urban areas | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Smart farming and agriculture technologies | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Improved emergency response facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The community's ability to attract medium-sized and larger employers | | |
| Other (please describe): _____ | | |

As a community leader, I support this project that will help provide tools to address our health, education and safety issues of the area.

Other comments: _____

If you want to contact me, I can be reached at _____.

Thank you for your consideration, _____