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(ADDRESS TO BUT DO NOT SEND TO THE COMMISSIONER BUT RATHER TO CONNIE AT EDC, Connie@kandiyohi.com)

Steve Grove, Commissioner

Office of Broadband Development

MN Department of Employment & Economic Development

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Dear Commissioner Grove,

I am sending you this letter to state my support for a Fiber Broadband Deployment Project in Rural Kandiyohi County. I live at \_\_\_\_address\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_township. We need better internet access for personal and professional reasons.

During the pandemic I have found out how terribly inadequate the current internet access is at my home. For instance, . . . . . . Use what ever fits for you and here are some ideas of things to talk about if this has affected you:

*Work from home, Distance learning, Church services or connecting with family issues or other*

Our current internet access is unreliable. There have been many times that . . . . . . . . . (state the things that happen that cause frustration and/or inability to complete a task)

At times I have even had to . . . . . . . . . (such as, go to McDonalds or the library, or to work when I am not supposed to in order to connect)

I support a grant for deployment of high speed internet in the rural areas of Kandiyohi County, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Township in particular, and would subscribe to the services when they become available in my area.

Please support the Kandiyohi County EDC and Federated Telecommunications Company Border-to-Border Broadband grant.

Sincerely

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