

March 15, 2021

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Steve Grove, Commissioner (DO NOT SEND YOUR LETTER TO COMMISSIONER GROVE)
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MN Department of Employment & Economic Development
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Dear Commissioner Grove,

Please accept this letter of support on behalf of the Kandiyohi County and City of Willmar Economic Development Commission and Vibrant Broadband's application to the Border-to-Border Broadband Development Grant Program. I run a small business with 20 employees. Our business uses internet for

As technology continues to change our world it is important for people to have access to high-speed broadband. In our organization (business),

During the pandemic I have found out how inadequate internet access affected those in our area, for instance Use what ever fits for your business or services here are some ideas of things to talk about if this has affected you:

Employees trying to work from home, customers trying to buy on-line, distance learning, connecting with family and other issues

Internet access is a factor for securing workforce for the area. Our county has many unserved areas that would otherwise be potential areas for rural living with housing for workforce. Having access to internet will help bring people to our area for jobs. The rural areas of Kandiyohi County need access to high-speed broadband. Please consider funding broadband infrastructure in Kandiyohi County. Thank You!

Sincerely,

Joan Smith, Owner
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