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

Steve Grove, Commissioner Office of Broadband Development MN Department of Employment & Economic Development 1st National Bank Building 322 Minnesota Street, Ste E200 St. Paul, MN 55101

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 and City of Willmar Economic Development Commission and Vibrant Broadband's application to the Border-to-Border Broadband Development Grant Program.

Sincerely

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