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Kentucky Public Service Commission  
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Dear Kentucky Public Service Commissioners:

March marked a year since the COVID-19 pandemic hit the United States. Yet, nearly a year and a half later and as our lives continue to operate online in many respects, nearly 300,000 Kentuckians still lack access to reliable, high-speed internet. Residents throughout the Commonwealth who lack an internet connection cannot work from home, learn from home, or fully support their small businesses. We must bring these Kentuckians online, and the Kentucky Public Service Commission can help make this happen.

Given our shared interest in the future of our state, I urge the Commission to take additional action on the pending pole attachment rules by clarifying the policies that promote equitable cost sharing of replacing utility poles between broadband service providers and utility pole owners, and likewise by clarifying guidelines around overlashing. Implementing rules that distribute costs fairly allows for expedited deployment of the high-speed, reliable internet that too many families continue to live without.

All Kentuckians deserve access to high-speed connectivity, and we cannot allow outdated policies and regulations to stand in their way. I am hopeful that the Commission will act in the best interests of unserved Kentuckians by addressing this issue.

Respectfully,

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State Representative