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Kentucky Public Service Commission
211 Sower Road
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Dear Public Service Commissioners,

As a State Representative, my highest priority is to tear down any barriers blocking my constituents from opportunity and prosperity. Access to broadband in unserved areas is critical and one of the major obstacles standing in the way is the burdensome process associated with how broadband companies' access utility poles.

Access to high-speed broadband is critical for my constituents in their effort to maintain work and educational opportunities. We should take every step possible to ensure that Kentucky has the infrastructure necessary to thrive in the 21st century digital economy.

By making sure broadband companies have proper access to utility poles, the Kentucky Public Service Commission can do right by the people of our state.

The Commission's proposed regulations represent a good start, yet additional measures are necessary, for example, to ensure that all parties pay their fair share of costs when outdated poles need to be replaced. During your upcoming deliberations, I also encourage you to also address other important issues such as over-lashing, which is a common construction practice. By taking these additional pro-active measures, you can help ensure that every family has an equal opportunity to have internet service available—no matter where they live in Kentucky.

I look forward to the Commission addressing this issue. Thank you for your attention and your efforts on behalf of our great state.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Savannah Maddox".

Savannah Maddox
State Representative
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