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Dear Commissioners:

Representing Kentucky's 63rd state legislative district, I see firsthand the unique challenges my constituents face without the availability of high-speed broadband service. Getting high-speed internet to the Commonwealth's unserved areas requires that the commission further build on the pending pole attachment rules to enhance private sector efforts to invest and deploy new high-speed broadband networks.

Taking these steps will help expand access to high-speed internet for the estimated 300,000 Kentuckians who find themselves on the wrong side of the digital divide. The internet is now where our children attend school, where we work and conduct business, where we receive healthcare and where civic engagement takes place.

All Kentuckians deserve access to high-speed broadband, and we can't allow regulations and outdated policies to stand in their way. Broadband service providers must have efficient access to utility poles in order to deploy their services to more constituents like mine.

Going forward, I urge the commission to provide stronger guidance to make clear and direct a fairer allocation of pole replacement costs between pole owners and service providers that seek to deploy their broadband lines and serve our citizens. This specific action will expedite greater broadband deployment to unserved rural areas. As the commission conducts its proceedings on this matter, I encourage you to take these actions to help our residents in the 63rd district. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kim Banta".

Kim Banta
State Representative
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