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Kentucky Public Service Commission  
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Dear Commissioners:

District 71 is in the heart of our great commonwealth, covering Garrard, part of Madison, and Rockcastle Counties. I'm proud to represent these great communities of hardworking citizens, many of them farmers and small business owners. In the heart of Kentucky, however, people face challenges that many of their counterparts in more populated areas, like Louisville and Lexington, do not. One of these issues is the availability of affordable, efficient broadband.

Taking office just a short time ago, I vowed to the residents of District 71 that I would work to my fullest capacity in the Kentucky General Assembly to bring more opportunity and prosperity to every community in the district. To this end, as the Public Service Commission finalizes the current rulemaking related to broadband providers and utility pole accessibility, I encourage you, the commissioners, to make improvements to these rules that will clarify the share of costs of replacing old utility poles. I encourage you to also look into strengthening regulations related to overlashing. With more defined rules on these aspects that are critical to quick and efficient broadband deployment efforts, we can create a more prosperous future for currently unserved Kentuckians in rural areas.

I was glad to see that the General Assembly passed a bill that aims to expand broadband deployment – House Bill 382 – which is what initially directed the PSC to enact these pole attachment rules. Now, the PSC can help even more so by further addressing these last barriers related to utility pole access and costs. This will move us one step closer in securing the prosperity that we all want for our communities across the Commonwealth. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Josh Bray".

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