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Members of the Kentucky Public Service Commission
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Dear Commissioners:

The COVID-19 pandemic has been an accelerator for so many issues affecting our state, including the internet's role as a key driver of economic and educational opportunities for millions of Kentuckians.

As someone who has worked tirelessly to promote economic opportunities for our residents, I wish to call your attention to the ongoing need for more robust investment in expanding broadband internet access, especially in unserved areas of the state.

Building out broadband infrastructure can be a costly endeavor. But 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 regulations recently proposed by the Commission represent a valuable start, but additional measures are necessary. This includes, for example, ensuring that all parties pay their fair share of costs when outdated poles need to be replaced. That overlashing, which is a common construction practice, has clear guidelines to help facilitate faster broadband investments and deployments.

So many Kentuckians who are working to build a more prosperous future for our state appreciate your attention to this matter. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Chad McCoy
House Majority Whip
State Representative, 50th Legislative District