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Dear Kentucky Public Service Commissioners,

Access to the internet means access to opportunity. And yet, for far too long, many Kentuckians continue to lack the broadband access they need to succeed in today's world - a fact that has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many people across the Commonwealth have worked tirelessly to address the broadband needs of our residents, but there is still much more work to be done. Right now, the Public Service Commission (PSC) has the opportunity to become part of the solution in bridging Kentucky's digital divide.

An important first step in expanding broadband access across Kentucky is to address the currently complicated and costly process of attaching physical broadband infrastructure to utility poles. Through this utility pole proceeding, the PSC can help streamline the process and accelerate broadband deployment to unserved communities.

We urge the PSC to put into place policies that would best serve the people of Kentucky and ensure that reliable broadband is available to those in every corner of the Commonwealth.

Respectfully,

Adam E. Bowling State Representative

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