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## **RE:** Pole Attachment Regulations

Dear Kentucky Public Service Commissioners:

As COVID-19 has changed the landscape of work, learning, health care, and our overall economy, expanding reliable broadband access must be an immediate priority for both the General Assembly and the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC).

The Commission's ongoing pole attachment regulation process is an important step towards addressing the digital divide in Kentucky. The PSC has the opportunity to expand broadband coverage in rural areas by ensuring all parties involved in utility pole attachment issues have clear guidance on who has the responsibility to take action, under what timeframes, and how pole-related costs will be equitably shared by all entities.

By addressing these issues, more Kentuckians, like those in the 21<sup>st</sup> District that I represent, can gain critical access to the internet.

Sincerely,

Bart Rowland

State Representative

