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Dear Kentucky Public Service Commissioners,

I represent District 57, Franklin County, in the Kentucky General Assembly. Home of our state's Capitol, I'm proud to work with legislators in and outside of Frankfort to find solutions to the diverse issues facing communities in my district.

That means providing them with security and opportunities for success, including reliable broadband access. Especially for underserved communities, a lack of Internet access adds needless burdens on schools, families and businesses.

As a former educator, I know how important it is for students to have continuity in their learning. If students do not have proper access to modern-day educational tools on the Internet, they are at a great risk of falling behind. Given the pandemic, which forced many schools to adopt remote learning, it is critical that we take every step necessary to secure reliable services.

I urge the Public Service Commission to improve access to utility poles and ensure a fair distribution of costs to create a more streamlined, cost-effective process of attaching broadband infrastructure to existing poles. These steps will be pivotal for Franklin County and many other counties throughout the Commonwealth that are in great need of sound Internet connectivity.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Derrick W. Graham".

Derrick W. Graham
State Representative, 57th District