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Kentucky Public Service Commission
211 Sower Boulevard
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Dear Kentucky Public Service Commissioners,

As COVID-19 has forced an even greater reliance on the internet to learn, work, connect, and receive services, closing the gaps in internet access has never been more important.

We know that broadband can provide a major lift for Kentucky's future. We also know that the Kentucky Public Service Commission – along with the General Assembly – can help ensure this promise of future connectivity is fully realized.

The Kentucky PSC is currently considering updates to their pole attachment regulations. These ongoing proceedings will allow for a more straightforward and cost-effective process to further build-out the broadband infrastructure needed to expand Internet access to all communities across Kentucky – even those in remote pockets of the state.

Your decisions around the current utility pole attachments have the potential to allow many more Kentuckians across the Commonwealth to access the internet, and in turn, access all of the economic, health, and educational opportunities it brings.

I encourage you to put into place these sound policies that will promote growth and sustainability. Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John C. Blanton".

John C. Blanton
State Representative

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