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Ms. Talina R. Mathews, Commissioner
Kentucky Public Service Commission
211 Sower Boulevard
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Dear Ms. Mathews:

The COVID-19 pandemic has severely altered the way Americans live their lives. Many of the activities and events we once enjoyed in person are now virtual. And, unfortunately, not all Americans have access to reliable, high-speed internet. Providing this connection is critical, especially in rural areas where it takes longer to physically reach your job or healthcare provider.

For example, many of my constituents in Christian and Hopkins Counties lack reliable internet connection and deserve the same access to these resources that many others take for granted.

Fortunately, the Public Service Commission (PSC) is uniquely positioned to help thousands of Kentuckians get online. I support the PSC's ongoing proceedings addressing utility poles and am eager to see an outcome that eliminates barriers to utility poles access. The PSC can solve this ongoing issue, which has hindered the deployment of rural broadband across Kentucky for years.

I urge the PSC to work diligently on policies that would effectively expand broadband deployment and help aid Kentuckians who lack connectivity – especially during the pandemic. The success of our citizens and businesses across the Commonwealth depend on it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Myron Dossett", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Myron Dossett
State Representative
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