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Kentucky Public Service Commission
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Dear Commissioners:

For seven months now, we have seen our world adapt to online tools as COVID-19 has kept us working, learning, receiving healthcare, and more, all from home. Yet, a great number of Kentuckians—including many in my 62nd District—have been unable to fully adapt to this new normal. Too many Kentuckians still lack access to reliable, fast-speed internet. We must do everything in our power to make sure families and businesses across the state have broadband access—and the Kentucky Public Service Commission must be part of these efforts.

The complicated, costly process of building out service in these rural areas poses a major barrier to expanding broadband access. However, the PSC's ongoing utility pole attachment proceeding has the ability to help expand networks to these previously unserved rural areas by making the process less complicated and costly. In turn, this will help accelerate broadband deployment to those communities that are currently unserved.

As a small business owner, I know firsthand how critical these services are to the livelihoods of my constituents. This is why I strongly encourage the PSC to put into place policies that will make a real positive impact on all Kentuckians. Thank you for your consideration of these important issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Phillip R. Pratt".

Representative Phillip Pratt
State Legislator, District 62

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