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Dear Kentucky Public Service Commission,

The COVID-19 crisis has shown all of us in District 82 just how critical reliable internet access is to our everyday lives. With Kentuckians across the Commonwealth operating their day-to-day lives from home, businesses need to connect remotely to their customers; seniors, veterans, and others need access to telehealth and online government services; and – of special importance to me as an educator – teachers and students need to adapt to the new online learning reality. Expanding broadband access to unserved areas has always been important but must now be treated as a top priority.

Members of the General Assembly are working hard to increase broadband accessibility across the entire Commonwealth, but we need the Public Service Commission's (PSC) help. The PSC is currently in the unique position to help thousands of Kentuckians connect to broadband by addressing the currently complex and costly process of building out broadband on utility poles.

The PSC has the opportunity to help Kentuckians not only survive this crisis but thrive -- and we hope you keep this in mind throughout the proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Regina Petrey Huff".

Representative Regina Petrey Huff
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