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Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Boulevard Frankfort, Kentucky 40602

Dear Kentucky Public Service Commissioners:

This year has brought many changes to the daily lives of Americans. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Americans have had to rely on their computer and internet access for everyday activities. I represent Butler and Warren Counties, which include rural communities that lack reliable broadband connectivity.

Thankfully, the Public Service Commission (PSC) is in a position to bring change and innovation to the people of my district through their current proceeding on utility pole attachments. One of the biggest barriers in connecting rural Kentucky to the internet is the buildout process — attaching the physical broadband infrastructure to the poles. By making this process less complicated and more cost-effective, the Commission can accelerate broadband deployment to unserved communities.

This proceeding would bring so many Kentuckians one step closer to obtaining necessary broadband service. I urge the Commission to keep rural Kentucky in mind throughout this proceeding.

Sincerely,

Steve Sheldon

State Representative

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