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Kentucky Public Service Commission
211 Sower Boulevard
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RE: Pole Attachment Regulations

Dear Kentucky Public Service Commissioners:

For several months now, Americans have been forced to shift their daily activities online. But rural areas throughout Kentucky continue to suffer due to lack of access to broadband services that many other Americans have readily available. Now more than ever, high-speed internet is critical for Kentuckians' success.

Residents of my district in West Kentucky deserve to have access to these resources. That is why I am writing to encourage the PSC to keep residents of our rural communities in mind as it works on the current utility pole proceeding. The Commission can help eliminate a large barrier to connectivity in unserved communities by improving the process of deploying broadband infrastructure on utility poles, making that process more efficient and cost-effective. That way, more homes, businesses, schools, and other vital institutions can enjoy the benefits of broadband connectivity.

Bridging the digital divide will open vast new opportunities for rural parts of the Commonwealth. I urge the Kentucky PSC to put policies into place that have the potential to change lives for the better as we continue to navigate these uncertain times.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven J. Rudy".

Steven Rudy
State Representative