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The Kentucky Public Service Commission  
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Dear Commissioners:

The COVID-19 pandemic has further highlighted the critical need for broadband access in today's world. Access to the Internet is essential for so many aspects of modern life, and yet far too many Kentuckians continue to find themselves without the tools necessary to connect.

The Public Service Commission (PSC) is taking an important step towards expanding rural broadband access in unserved communities by addressing the expensive and rigorous process of bringing broadband services to rural areas. Needless barriers have often prohibited the expansion of broadband access to the 'last-mile' or the most underserved rural areas.

The PSC's current utility pole attachment proceeding can help address this problem by modernizing the complicated attachment process that will allow broadband providers to more efficiently and effectively build-out their rural networks, allowing for greater access to the Internet.

As chair of the Senate Committee on Appropriations and Revenue, I realize the impact this improvement could have on Kentucky families. Their ability to have access to reliable broadband would afford our citizens more economic, educational, and social opportunities—all of which contribute to a more prosperous and vibrant Kentucky. It is our responsibility to ensure that citizens have equal access to these opportunities.

I hope that you will continue to show leadership on this issue and put in place guidelines that would best serve the people of our great Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

Chris McDaniel  
State Senator

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