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Kentucky Public Service Commission  
211 Sower Boulevard  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40602

Dear Commissioners:

The COVID-19 crisis has made clear the importance of reliable high-speed internet. It is critical for the 11th district residents, as well as Kentuckians all across the Commonwealth, to have broadband access in order to learn, work, and conduct business virtually. I urge the Public Service Commission (PSC) to work expeditiously on the pending utility pole attachment proceedings to connect more Kentuckians.

One of the main barriers to an expedited and extensive rural broadband buildout is the costs associated with utility pole attachments. The PSC has the opportunity to put into place guidelines and policies that speed the attachment process and ensure a fairer distribution of costs to this critical infrastructure to bring broadband connectivity to all Kentuckians.

I strongly urge the PSC to make the policy changes that would allow so many more in the Commonwealth to take advantage of the opportunities that broadband access brings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Schickel".

John Schickel  
State Senator

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