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To Whom It May Concern:

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, access to the internet has become even more critical to the health, education, economic, and social well-being of Kentuckians in my district and across the Commonwealth. As we all continue to adapt to the challenges brought by COVID-19, legislators and policymakers like the General Assembly and the Public Service Commission (PSC) must take action to ensure that all Kentuckians have access to reliable broadband.

Right now, the PSC has the opportunity to create a more streamlined and cost-effective process for expanding rural broadband in Kentucky through its ongoing utility pole access proceedings. Potential policy changes could lead to faster and more robust broadband deployment and more equitable cost sharing in currently unserved communities, bringing economic and social benefits to every corner of Kentucky.

I urge the PSC to take advantage of this opportunity to positively impact the lives of thousands of Kentuckians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Reginald L. Thomas".

Reginald L. Thomas
State Senator, 13th District

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