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Kentucky Public Service Commission
211 Sower Boulevard
Frankfort, Kentucky 40602

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing today to express my support for the Public Service Commission's (PSC) ongoing proceeding addressing utility pole access.

As a member of the Kentucky State Senate, I have an obligation to protect and provide for my constituents. This includes providing them opportunities for growth and development. Residents of Bracken, Campbell, and Pendleton Counties face a barrier that many other residents across the United States do not, simply because fast and reliable internet connections can be hard to come by in rural Kentucky.

One of the biggest barriers to broadband buildout throughout Kentucky is the cumbersome process of accessing utility poles. The PSC has the ability to improve this process and bring new opportunities to the people of Kentucky through reliable internet service. The ongoing proceeding addressing utility pole access would make the buildout process faster and less complicated, resulting in more connected Kentuckians.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic began, an internet connection has proven essential. The people of Kentucky are suffering due to a lack of access. I urge the PSC to move forward with this utility pole proceeding and implement policies that would benefit our communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wil Schroder II".

Wil Schroder
State Senator

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