



Daviess County Public Schools

CASE # 2020-00215

Members of the Kentucky Public Service Commission
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Re: Broadband in Western Kentucky

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I support the effort of Kenergy Corp. to ensure the availability of high-speed internet in all areas of Kentucky, specifically our rural communities. As chairman of the Daviess County Public Schools Board of Education, it is essential that we are able to connect all students to online learning and digital information, especially now as schools are conducting classes virtually. Every child has the right to a meaningful learning experience, and extending broadband services into the homes of every student is an important step in making that possible.

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Thank you for your consideration of this important project, one that will positively impact my community and transform western Kentucky.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Payne", is written over a circular stamp or seal.

Dr. Tom Payne
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Dale Stewart

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Matt Robbins
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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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