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National Telecommunications and Information Administration

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to encourage the installation of high-speed internet through Laclede Electric Coop. in my area. I am self-employed and my business is home based. I am contracted with a company to do radiology transcription. I currently have to use wireless high-speed internet due to the fact that the local telephone company does not believe that it would be cost efficient to provide access to DSL in my direct area. The nearest box housing DSL is a little over four miles from my house and you have to be within three miles.

Having landline, high-speed internet would be very beneficial to our household. My income is the only steady income for our household and some of the companies that contract into hospitals to transcribe their reports will not allow their transcriptionists use wireless internet. If I had access to high-speed internet through a landline, I would be able to work for another company that pays more and/or has a higher work load per transcriptionist. This would mean that with high-speed landline internet our household income could be two to three times what it is currently.

Another benefit for our household would be for my husband who is a full-time student. He would be able to download as many documents for research projects and other homework assignments as necessary without fear of going over our data limit.

I do not believe that our household is the only household in the area

that would benefit from access to high-speed internet. I encourage you to consider expanding the service area of broadband to include Laclede County, MO.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Joanne Hemphill

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