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Thursday, September 22, 2022

The Honorable Alan Davidson
Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Ave N.W.
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Assistant Secretary Davidson:

I write in support of Dairyland Power Cooperative's (DPC) Tri-State Fiber Deployment Project for an award under the Enabling Middle Mile Grant Program. This project will bring about much-needed middle mile infrastructure to predominately rural communities in south-east Minnesota, northern Iowa, south-west Wisconsin, and northwest Wisconsin

DPC's Tri-State Fiber Deployment Project will encourage the expansion and extension of middle mile infrastructure and connect unserved and underserved areas, offering equal opportunity for internet service providers to connect to last mile infrastructure in a cost-effective manner, ultimately promoting economic prosperity and closing the digital divide. DPC is committed to having a positive impact in Minnesota's First Congressional District and surrounding areas by implementing middle mile infrastructure that will increase competition among local internet service providers, and subsequently lower costs and offer more high-speed options, which is a top priority for my constituents.

I thank you in advance for your consideration of the Dairyland Power Cooperative's application to build middle mile infrastructure in the Midwest. This funding would be an investment in the broadband needs of Minnesota's First Congressional District and surrounding areas.

I urge your full and fair consideration of this application and if you have any questions at all, do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Brad Finstad
Member of Congress

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