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Office of Internet Connectivity and Growth
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20230

Dear National Telecommunication and Information Administration,

This letter is to express support of Dairyland Power Cooperative's (DPC) Tri-State Fiber Deployment Project. It is a multifaceted endeavor that will enable middle mile infrastructure to predominately rural communities in south-east Minnesota, northern Iowa, south-west Wisconsin, and northwest Wisconsin through the NTIA's Middle Mile Grant Program.

The Iowa Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO), a division of the Department of Management, administers broadband programs designed to increase access to high-speed internet services in underserved and unserved areas of the State of Iowa.

Middle mile infrastructure is vital to expand internet networks closer to unserved and underserved communities. By enabling equal opportunity for internet service providers to connect to last mile infrastructure, middle mile networks ultimately promote economic prosperity and rural growth opportunities. The OCIO believes that DPC is committed to making a positive impact on connectivity in the State of Iowa.

Sincerely,

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