



September 28, 2021

Nebraska Public Service Commission
Attn: Cullen Robbins, Director, Telecommunications/NUSF
1200 N St # 300
Lincoln, NE 68508

Re: Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program Support-NCTC

Dear Mr. Robbins,

Our community is pleased to extend support to Nebraska Central Telephone Company (NCTC) and its application for funding from the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program.

NCTC has a long history of providing quality services in Ashton, NE and has upgraded the broadband speeds available within portions of its service territory. This grant would allow the same high-speed internet to be available to a broader region, including Sherman County. The COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated the need for high-speed broadband to allow our residents the ability to work from home, participate in online learning, and access healthcare via telehealth.

We are excited about the opportunity to have quality, high-speed broadband available to our citizens and fully support NCTC's grant application to bring fiber-to-the-home to our county. If awarded, we would help ensure that they have all the necessary support from Sherman County to complete this project quickly and efficiently.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Everett Butzine", written over a horizontal line.

Everett Butzine
Executive Director
Sherman County Economic Development, Inc.