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

Re: Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program Support-NCTC

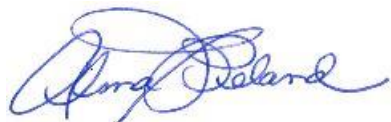
Dear Mr. Robbins,

We are pleased here at Region 26 Council to give our support to Nebraska Central Telephone Company (NCTC) and their application for funding from the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program.

We have turned to NCTC for their support for our Communications services to the community for our 911 center and they have upgraded us as needed in our center. We would like to give our support knowing that bringing the much-needed high-speed internet to the region and surrounding counties including Loup County would help in the sustainability to keep good citizens in our rural community. 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 as well as help in keeping residents in the area.

We are excited about the opportunity to have quality, high-speed broadband available to our citizens and support NCTC's grant application to bring fiber-to-the-home to our community.

Sincerely,



Alma Beland, Director
REGION 26 COUNCIL