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Director Cullen Robbins Telecommunications Department, Nebraska Public Service Commission 1200 N Street, Suite 300 Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Director Robbins,

I am from Ord, Nebraska – a small town in Valley County – and I understand what it's like to live in a rural community that lacks access to certain services that our more urban neighbors have at their doorstep. Access to consistent and fast broadband is one of the top issues for communities in Sherman County and other parts of the Nebraska 41st Legislative District. As a current candidate for the seat, I'm excited to see expanded access to connectivity through the second round of the Capital Projects Fund (CPF).

I'm writing today in support of Charter Communications – or Spectrum – and its application for CPF grant funding for Sherman County. Charter serves 91 communities across the state and employs more than 270 people in Nebraska. Each year, the company invests tens of millions in our state to expand access to high-speed internet and other connectivity offerings. This is a win-win relationship for Nebraska.

Internet is essential for remote work and education, telehealth, connecting with family and friends, and so much more. Sherman County residents deserve the best service possible, and Charter offers that. I encourage you to support their application.

Thank you for your time,

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