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To Whom it May Concern,

On behalf of the Greater Fremont Development Council, I wish to extend my support for Allo's application to the Nebraska Public Service Commission for a Nebraska Broadband Bridge program grant to provide broadband internet service for the Fremont-Dodge Municipal Inland Port Authority.

Fremont Nebraska is one of only two locations in Nebraska that have recently received designation from the State of Nebraska as an Inland Port Authority. The new Port Authority District lies on the east side of Fremont covering a vast area of 1,500 acres. Currently, that land is utilized mostly for agriculture, but over the upcoming decade this is expected to be a thriving multi-business industrial park. We have begun infrastructure planning for this area and among those conversations telecommunications has been a vital piece, since all business will require strong broadband services.

Broadband infrastructure is a critical part of economic development, especially in rural areas, and evolving districts needing access to modern systems to compete with larger metro areas. We hope you will consider granting funds to help support Allo Communications in their efforts to expand broadband services for the Fremont area.

Sincerely,

Therese Hoyle

Director of Development and Grant Admin