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To whom it may concern:

We have lived and ran a business in Pickrell, Nebraska for 50 years. There have been many changes to internet over the years which has changed the way we do business as well as the way we communicate with others and watch TV. This has become more evident during the global pandemic and thereafter.

Here at Pickrell Lumber, most of our companies demand we get quotes, place orders, and communicate via the internet. Many require paperless billing and prefer some form of paperless payment. For these reasons, we need fast access and speed to save time doing all these tasks.

Cost is also a concern when it comes to access to internet. Costs in Pickrell are known to be at least double the cost that the companies advertise their internet for and those prices are only for new customers. The need for internet doesn't decrease with financial restraints so Nextlink's ability to utilize the Affordable Conductivity Program is extremely beneficial to our community.

We support Nextlink and this opportunity to get faster internet at competitive prices. This would help our business as well as others who work from home and/or have children needing the internet for school. Please consider this grant to help our community thrive and grow.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandy Meints". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Sandy Meints