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June 30, 2022

Nebraska Public Service Commission 1200 N Street, Suite 300 Lincoln, NE 68508 ATTN: Mr. Dan Watermeier, Chairman of the Board

Dear Chairman Watermeier:

I am delighted to learn that Charter Communications, also known as Spectrum, has applied for a Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program (NBBP) Grant to serve an underserved area outside of the City of Scottsbluff. The past few years have been particularly burdensome to families. Many of our citizens have been working from home and needed to rely on a high quality, reliable internet connection. Our school age children needed the same to access critical educational resources to complete after school assignments. High speed internet such as Charter Communications is proposing to build out in these areas can alleviate these concerns and provide the same resources to these residents as Scottsbluff citizens enjoy.

The internet is no longer a "nice to have" option but plays an important role in our lives as a connection to much needed resources and tools in our everyday lives.

It is because of the reasons above that I support Charter Communications application for NBBP Grant funding to serve the underserved portion of our community. I am hopeful that their grant is approved so all of our citizens can experience growth, prosperity and all the other ancillary benefits that high-speed broadband can create.

I appreciate the opportunity to write this letter of support to you. Please let me know if you have any other questions I can answer. You may reach me by email at <u>jmckerrigan@scottsbluff.org</u> or by phone at 308-632-4136. Thanks for your consideration.

Yours truly,

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## Nebraska State Legislature

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June 28, 2022

Nebraska Public Service Commission 1200 N Street, Suite 300 Lincoln, NE 68508 ATTN: Mr. Dan Watermeier, Chairman of the Board

Dear Chairman Watermeier,

I am pleased to learn that Charter Communications, also known as Spectrum, has applied for Nebraska Broadband Program funding to serve our citizens in an underserved area of Scotts Bluff County just northwest of the City of Scottsbluff. It's a small, rural area that currently only has access to fixed wireless broadband. They are struggling to keep up with larger urban Nebraska communities that have access to high-speed internet. The difference is vast as this area does not have access to high speed internet as compared to Scottsbluff. All of Scotts Bluff County should have the same opportunities to engage educational resources currently unavailable to them due to the lack of high-speed broadband. These families need the same advantage that other Nebraskans enjoy and even take for granted. By providing affordable, fast high speed internet, families can now enjoy amenities that other communities already have.

I support Charter Communications' application for the Nebraska Broadband Program funding to serve these constituents. I am hopeful that their application is approved to expand their network so our families can experience all the benefits that high-speed broadband can create.

I appreciate the opportunity to write this letter of support to you. Please let me know if you have any other questions I can answer. You may reach me by email at jstinner@leg.ne.gov or by phone at 402-471-2802. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John P. Stimmer

Senator John Stinner



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