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**Attachment M**  
**Letters of Community Support**  
**Cox Communications**

**Letters of Community Support in Dodge County**

In support of Cox Communication's infrastructure deployment goals within Dodge County, we received multiple letters of support from a variety of community stakeholders. All the letters expressed appreciation and support for Cox's submission and demonstrated a compelling level of need and lack of comprehensive coverage for reliable internet services, which Cox is hoping to bring to the County.

Cox local teams conducted outreach to members of the community through in-person engagements, email correspondence and direct phone communications. A copy of our sample letter of support is included following this page, in addition to the letters that the community provided.

Letters of support from members of the community included in this submission:

Government/Elected Officials

- State Senator Lynne Walz

Community Partners

- Seventy-Five North Revitalization Corporation
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Midlands
- Boys and Girls Club of the Midlands
- United Way of the Midlands
- Habitat for Humanity
- Washington County Chamber of Commerce

Private Business

- Tenaska Inc.
- Weichman Pig Co, Inc.

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## RE: Support for Cox Communications

To whom it may concern:

Seventy Five North Revitalization Corp. is writing in support of Cox Communications' commitment to expanding high-speed internet to underserved communities that lack reliable internet service and enhancing digital equity in areas of Cass, Colfax, Dodge and Sarpy counties. Cox will be providing Fiber-to-the-Home connectivity. Cox speeds and pricing available for these communities are advertised on the Cox Nebraska service site.

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Sincerely,

Cydney Franklin  
President/CEO  
Seventy Five North Revitalization Corp.





# Big Brothers Big Sisters®

OF THE MIDLANDS

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February 17, 2023

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Nichole Turgeon  
President/CEO  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Midlands  
1209 Harney St, Suite 100  
Omaha, NE 68102

RE: Support for Cox Communications

Dear NE Broadband Office:

I am writing in support of Cox Communications' commitment to expanding high-speed internet to un-and-underserved communities that lack reliable internet service and enhancing digital equity in areas of Cass, Colfax, Dodge and Sarpy counties. Cox will be providing Fiber-to-the-Home connectivity.

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Big Brothers Big Sisters provides one-to-one mentoring to youth in the Omaha/Council Bluffs metro area. The pandemic revealed to our organization just how serious the digital divide is in our service area. The youth and families in our program living in lower-income and/or underserved areas of our community struggled with lack of access to high-speed internet, especially when digital learning was required. We have been proud to partner with Cox to raise awareness of the Connect2Compete program with our families and we support Cox's continuing efforts to bridge the digital divide.

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Sincerely,



Nichole M. Turgeon  
President/CEO



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
OF THE MIDLANDS

State of Nebraska  
Nebraska Public Service Commission  
1200 N Street, Suite 300  
Lincoln, NE 68508

**RE: Support for Cox Communications**

To Whom It May Concern:

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Midlands is writing in support of Cox Communications' commitment to expanding high-speed internet to un-and-underserved communities that lack reliable internet service and enhancing digital equity in the greater Omaha community. Cox will be providing Fiber-to-the-Home connectivity.

Cox speeds and pricing available for these communities are advertised on the Cox [Nebraska service site](#). In addition to their affordability programs, described below, the Everyday Low-Price plan with WIFI 100 Mbps tier will be offered at \$49.99/month. Three additional pricing tiers are available for purchase and outlined on the website.

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Midlands offers a safe place for youth to learn, grow and have fun. The Clubs represent 60 years of service to youth. Dedicated staff at 14 metro-area locations and a summer camp provide activities and support to thousands of young people from kindergarten through high school graduation and beyond. Club sites are placed in targeted neighborhoods where the need is greatest.

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Sincerely,

Elizabeth Donner  
Chief Development Officer  
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Midlands

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Building opportunity throughout Burt, Cass,  
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2/21/2023

Keri Menage  
Public Affairs Specialist  
11505 W. Dodge Rd  
Omaha, NE 68154

**RE: Support for Cox Communications**

Dear Ms. Menage:

Habitat for Humanity of Omaha is writing in support of Cox Communications' commitment to expanding high-speed internet to un- and underserved communities that lack reliable internet service and enhancing digital equity in areas of Cass and Sarpy counties. Cox will be providing Fiber-to-the-Home connectivity.

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Founded in 1984, Habitat Omaha builds and renovates homes, advocates for better laws and regulations and partners with those who share our vision, "A world where everyone has a quality, safe and healthy place to live." We started our work within the city of Omaha and expanded to the rest of Douglas, Washington, Burt, Cass, and Sarpy Counties – the latter two overlapping with Cox's planned expansion areas. By expanding our service area, we are able to increase the impact of our mission throughout the greater Omaha area. This means that more families gain access to financial and homeowner readiness programs, affordable home improvement solutions, and first-time homeownership opportunities as we help to grow and maintain our community's stock of quality, affordable homes.

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Sincerely,

*Becky Vinton*

Becky Vinton  
Senior Development Officer



# Nebraska State Legislature

## SENATOR LYNNE WALZ

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## COMMITTEES

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Midwestern Higher Education Commission

Broadband Office  
Nebraska Public Service Commission  
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### **RE: Support for Cox Communications**

I am writing in support of Cox Communications' commitment to expanding high-speed internet to un- and-underserved communities that lack reliable internet service and enhancing digital equity in areas of Dodge County including portions of Districts 1 and 3 and portions of the cities of Fremont and Scribner. Cox will be providing Fiber-to-the-Home connectivity.

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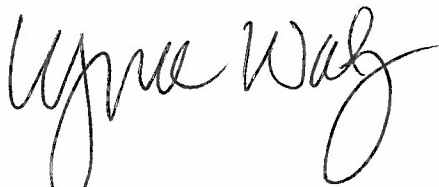
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynne Walz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lynne" and the last name "Walz" clearly legible.

State Senator Lynne Walz

District 15



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6/22/2022

Attn: Cullen Robbins  
Director of the Telecom/NUSF Department  
Nebraska Public Service Commission  
1200 N Street, Ste. 300  
Lincoln, NE 68508

**RE: Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program with Cox Communications – SUPPORT**

Dear Mr. Robbins:

Tenaska is writing in strong support of Cox Communications' grant application to partner with the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program to bridge the digital divide effectively, sustainably, and equitably, by removing barriers and partnering to increase broadband adoption and deploy additional infrastructure to bring more Nebraskans online.

Tenaska serves more than 120 companies with differing needs throughout Nebraska, including businesses in Douglas County. Cox has not only proven to be a strong corporate citizen; they have also been instrumental in serving Tenaska with the connectivity we need.

The state of Nebraska wants to ensure that all its citizens have access to modern broadband speeds to meet customer needs today and into the future; furthermore, when the time comes for new internet subscribers to connect, it is important they have the support they need to utilize the technology. Cox has a proven track record of partnering with organizations and community leaders to educate individuals about programs such as Connect2Compete, ConnectAssist, Digital Academy, and the federal Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). These programs are designed to successfully connect communities to affordable and reliable high-speed broadband service.

We know first-hand the value that partnering with Cox brings to local business and the community. Cox's network allows for consumers and energy-based companies like ours to stay connected with affordable service offerings.

Most notably, Nebraska will realize an increase in economic vitality by partnering with Cox to deploy additional broadband infrastructure. Expanding broadband access will not only open the door to new opportunities presented by an increasingly connected world like access to education, healthcare services, and employment opportunities, it will also lead to the creation of new jobs, population growth, higher rates of new business opportunities, and lower unemployment rates. Cox has a proven track record as an exceptional public-private partner through their work with non-profits and public entities and will no doubt bring that same level of partnership to other parts of Douglas County and Nebraska.



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I am confident that a partnership with Cox to remove barriers to broadband access will bring more Nebraskans online now. Cox's selection would result in a reliable and robust partner for the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program's efforts in the expansion of access to and adoption of high-quality, reliable internet services for all Nebraskans.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Reinoehl  
VP of Information Technology  
Tenaska, Inc.



United Way  
of the Midlands

Shawna Forsberg  
President & CEO  
2201 Farnam St. Ste 200  
Omaha, NE 68102

## **RE: Support for Cox Communications**

NE Broadband Office:

I am Shawna Forsberg, president and CEO of United Way of the Midlands, writing in support of Cox Communications' commitment to expanding high-speed internet to un- and underserved communities that lack reliable internet service and enhancing digital equity in underserved areas. Cox will be providing Fiber-to-the-Home connectivity.

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For 100 years, United Way of the Midlands (UWM) has served the Omaha-Council Bluffs metro by bridging the business and not-for-profit sectors to create a Circle of Support that helps our neighbors overcome difficult challenges and start building a better future. UWM's funded programs and direct services address social and economic disparities and meet families' essential needs such as healthy food, safe and stable housing, physical and mental health services, career preparation and job training.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shawna Forsberg".

Shawna Forsberg  
President & CEO  
United Way of the Midlands



February 21, 2023

Brenda Orr  
Washington County Chamber Secretary

Owner, Orr Photography, Fort Calhoun, NE  
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402 657 2145

**RE: Support for Cox Communications**

Dear NE Broadband Office:

The Washington County NE Chamber is writing in support of Cox Communications' commitment to expanding high-speed internet to un-and-underserved communities that lack reliable internet service and enhancing digital equity in areas of southern and other areas of the county. Cox will be providing Fiber-to-the-Home connectivity.

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In personal experience as a photographer I can upload photos to commercial services with awesome speed! I can give clients full resolution links to their galleries electronically. Typically, just to upload a gallery we have had to take a flash drive to another location to upload. Cox has saved me time and money. The service is great, the installers were nice AND super informative.

Sincerely,

Brenda Orr,

Washington County Chamber of Commerce, Secretary

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# WIECHMAN PIG CO., INC.

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6/22/2022

Attn: Cullen Robbins  
Director of the Telecom/NUSF Department  
Nebraska Public Service Commission  
1200 N Street, Ste. 300  
Lincoln, NE 68508

**RE: Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program with Cox Communications - SUPPORT**

Dear Mr. Robbins:

Wiechman Pig Company is writing in strong support of Cox Communications' grant application to partner with the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program to bridge the digital divide effectively, sustainably, and equitably, by removing barriers and partnering to increase broadband adoption and deploy additional infrastructure to bring more Nebraskans online.

Wiechman Pig serves more than 27 businesses/customers with differing needs throughout the Dodge County, Nebraska and the Midwest; Cox has not only proven to be a strong corporate citizen, they've also been instrumental in serving us with the connectivity needed to support the agriculture community. Cox has engaged with us and continued to build an even stronger relationship.

The state of Nebraska wants to ensure that all its citizens have access to modern broadband speeds and the infrastructure needed to meet customer needs today and into the future; furthermore, when the time comes for new internet subscribers to connect, its important they have the support they need to navigate the technology. Cox has a proven track record of partnering with organizations and community leaders to educate these individuals about programs such as Cox's Connect2Compete, ConnectAssist, and Digital Academy and the federal Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) designed to successfully connect them to affordable, reliable, high-speed broadband service.

We know first-hand the value that partnering with Cox brings to local business and the community. Cox's network allows for consumers and Nebraska Businesses like ours to access up to gigabit speeds with numerous affordable service offerings.

Most notably, Dodge County will realize an increase in economic vitality by partnering with Cox to deploy additional broadband infrastructure. Expanding broadband access will not only open the door to new opportunities presented by our increasingly connected world like access to education, healthcare services, and employment opportunities, it will also lead to the creation of new jobs, population growth, higher rates of new business opportunities, and lower unemployment rates. Cox has a proven track record as an exceptional public-private partner through their work with non-profits and public entities and will no doubt bring that same level of partnership to the rest of Dodge County and other parts of Nebraska.

I am confident that a partnership with Cox to remove barriers to broadband adoption and access will bring more Nebraskans online now. Cox's selection would result in a reliable and robust partner for the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program's efforts in the expansion of access to and adoption of high-quality, reliable internet services for all Nebraskans.

Sincerely,

Leo Hanson, President  
Wiechman Pig Co., Inc.  
Fremont, NE