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June 24, 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,

My name is Don Kelly, and as Chairman of the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners, I would like to extend my support for Cox Communications' plans to expand internet access in Sarpy County with the assistance of the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program.

By using this State of Nebraska program, Cox would be able expand its services to more than 300 unserved and underserved homes in our county. That's great news for Sarpy County because quality internet service is a vital resource for our residents and businesses. However, there are parts of Sarpy County that have inadequate or no internet service. As Nebraska's fastest-growing county in the state – Sarpy County grew by 31,764 people over the last decade, a 20% increase – we need reliable, affordable internet access.

In Sarpy County, we know that partnership and collaboration are critical in any effort to build infrastructure and improve quality of life. We see it in our roads projects and the many capital projects that are happening across our communities. Building the infrastructure to expand broadband is no different. Creating better access to high-speed internet is a costly undertaking, but it can be realized if we make sound investments and work together.

We're hopeful that with the help of these Broadband Bridge Program grant funds, the State of Nebraska can play a role in helping improve the lives of generations of Sarpy County residents for years to come.

Sincerely,

Don Kelly  
Sarpy County Board Chairman