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## Government and Community Support Cox Communications

In support of Cox Communications' infrastructure deployment goals within Douglas and Washington Counties, we received seven letters of support from a variety of community stakeholders. All the letters of support expressed appreciation and support for Cox's submission and demonstrate 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.

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

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

Joel Long, Executive Director (Children's Scholarship Fund)

Brad Earley, Executive Director (Washington County Chamber of Commerce)

Becky Vinton, Senior Development Officer (Habitat for Humanity of Omaha)

Scott Hazelrigg, President (NorthStar Foundation)

Wayne D. Brown, President & CEO (Urban League of Nebraska)

Timothy Burke, Interim President & CEO (Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce)



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
OF THE MIDLANDS

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June 23, 2023

Broadband Office  
Nebraska Public Service Commission  
1200 N Street #300  
Lincoln, NE 68508

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Sincerely,

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

Dorene & Lee Butler Family  
Youth Development Center  
Administrative Office  
2610 Hamilton Street  
Omaha, NE 68131

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June 21, 2023

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Sincerely,

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Joel W. Long  
Executive Director

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June 27, 2023

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Sincerely,

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Brad Earley  
Executive Director  
Washington County Chamber of Commerce





Building opportunity throughout Burt, Cass, Douglas, Sarpy and Washington Counties.

6/23/2023

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Becky Vinton
Senior Development Officer

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# NORTHSTAR

June 24, 2023

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Wayne D. Brown, J.D.

President & CEO Urban League of Nebraska



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