

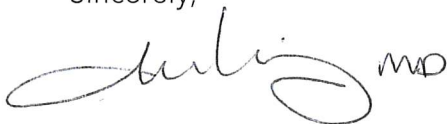
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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is being written in support of the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program. I live outside Beatrice and currently have wireless access only, which is subject to weather-related outages and such. I am a professor at Doane University and teach a number of online classes which allows me to work from home, and which I was required to do during the last academic year due to the pandemic. However, on a number of occasions, I had to hotspot off my phone during weather related outages, causing significant issues.

There are a number of people who have similar issues in my "neighborhood", and given the changing nature of the economy, education, and society, writ large, reliable broadband is critical. The pandemic made that ever more clear. My hope is that you agree with the sentiment that I have put forth and approve this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amanda McKinney MD". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the letters "MD" written in a smaller, more formal font at the end of the signature.

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