

November 10th, 2021

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

RE: Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program (NBBP)

To Whom it May Concern,

I'm writing this letter in support of Glenwood Telecommunications being awarded funding via the NBBP grant for work they would like to perform in Fillmore County.

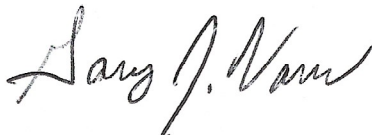
I've lived in rural Nebraska (McCool Junction and Milligan) for almost 20 years and the problem of being unserved or underserved by broadband services has always been an issue for us.

Since the pandemic hit, I've worked from home. We are currenting on our second internet service provider during this time due to slow and poor-quality internet. We've even paid extra for a cellular hotspot service that would be concerned as "underserved". Believe it or not, at times we have had both our wireless internet provider and our cellular data connections down. My job with OPPD requires that I have a higher speed and better-quality internet connection.

Rural Nebraska is in a fragile condition. As more and more people leave the rural areas for the "convivences" of the city, we need to look at what can be done to try and keep as many people remaining in these rural areas. Quality Rural Broadband will help keep people living in the rural areas as more opportunities for work from home will arise, running a business from home will be more possible, kids (and adults) will be able to attend class from home when necessary, plus the overall quality of life will be improved.

In conclusion, I would again like to voice my support in what Glenwood Telecommunications is proposing to implement in Fillmore County and would apricate The Commission giving them serious consideration as a receiver of the grant funds they requested.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary J. Vavra". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'G'.

Gary J Vavra