

VILLAGE OF FILLEY

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To Whom It May Concern:

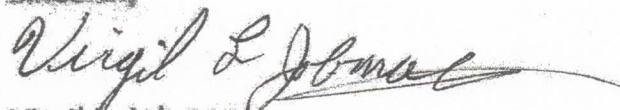
On behalf of the Village of Filley, we strongly support Nextlink's application for fiber in Filley. The need for high-speed internet came to the forefront during COVID-19 with the need for our residents to be able to work from home and their children being able to have access to remote learning. Also, at that time it was vital to have the telehealth capabilities with their medical providers.

The Village Board understands to retain and attract residents to our community we must be able to have available reliable high-speed internet. For our rural communities in Nebraska to compete for the attraction of small businesses rural broadband is vital.

In census tract speed testing that includes Filley, had a mean speed of 8.78/7.54 and a median speed of 8.51/5.46. These results show that the Village is categorized as being "unserved" and is in desperate need of being able to upgrade the internet service in our community.

The Village Board of Trustees greatly appreciates your consideration of Nextlink's application to bring fiber to our community.

Sincerely



Virgil L. Jobman
Chairman of the Board