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To Whom It May Concern

I write on behalf of Clayton County Board of Supervisor in support of the Alpine Communications grant proposal to implement and fund the expanded fiber broadband to the residents in Clayton County. This project will help reduce internet disparities throughout our county. We strongly support this grant application.

As a county we appreciate Alpine Communications ongoing or past efforts to reduce broadband disparities in our county by providing leadership with this grant to continue this expansion for residents.

Fiber optics will allow our residents the ability to access data at faster speeds. This speed will allow for expanded educational and work opportunities from home and keep moving rural lowa into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

We appreciate Alpine Communication taking responsibility to lead this grant. This grant will expand economic opportunities in Clayton County and internet equity.

Sincerely,

Ray Peterson, Chairman

Clayton County Board of Supervisors