

November 20, 2020

Farmers Cooperative Telephone Company
Letter of Support

Dear Empower Rural Iowa Broadband Grant Committee:

I am proud to live, work and raise my family in the small community of Dysart, Iowa. One of the great things that make rural living so attractive is being able to truly know and support your neighbors, community members and local businesses owners. Farmers Cooperative Telephone Company (FCTC) is one of those businesses that is vital to the Dysart, Clutier and surrounding rural areas. By offering fast and reliable internet services, they allow the Union Community School District, local businesses and households to stay connected and thrive.

As technology has progressed the need for high speed internet has increased. Currently, FCTC is deploying fiber as quickly as they can, however, there are financial limits to the extent that this build out can be completed. The COVID-19 pandemic has amplified the need to get fiber installed to these rural areas. Families need to both work from home and provide online education to their children. Current internet infrastructure at FCTC is simply unable to support the bandwidth that households are requiring. Receiving the Empower Rural Iowa Broadband grant, will allow FCTC to build fiber out to the rural and underserved areas quickly.

It is with great confidence and support that I recommend Farmers Cooperative Telephone Company for the Empower Rural Iowa Broadband Grant and as that you do the same.

Sincerely,



Mandy Brown