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To whom it may concern,

Fiber optics is very important with our efforts in attracting new business and industry to our area as locations with inadequate connectivity are passed over for projects requiring broadband. To have this service would give us the competitive edge over communities who do not. Moreover, if we lack fiber optics infrastructure we not only lose out on recruiting new business, we also will not attract more people to move to our area. People want to live in a community that has this amenity. It also improves the manner in which health care and many public services are delivered. The difference in speed saves companies money and they want to come to a community where this is offered. It may be the only reason a company selects our area. We need to take the lead to make that happen.

Sincerely,

Becky Allgood, Executive Director
Wilton Development Corporation



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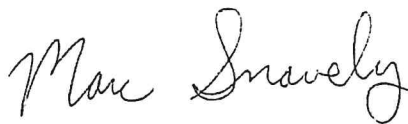
To Whom It May Concern,

As you know, Wilton, Iowa, is a small town in eastern Iowa. Even though we are small, we are fortunate enough to have a local broadband provider in the Wilton Telephone Company (WTC). They have helped us become a very successful 1:1 school within the last six years. We rarely have issues with our internet and increasing the broadband would make the remaining issues we have almost nonexistent.

As educators, we are always concerned with our students both inside and outside of our hallways. Being a 1:1 school with Chromebooks, we are always concerned about if and how students get the internet once they leave school for the day. Right now, the broadband at Wilton makes it challenging for students to complete the complex multimedia tasks our teachers require of them if they have to do these tasks at home. They find their edited video for history will not load or the documentary for science will not load. With increased broadband in the town of Wilton, our students would be able to complete these complex tasks with ease and push their knowledge and creativity even further.

Increased broadband would make our small town be able to explore the world through the internet. With that being said, we are very happy with the partnership we have with WTC and all the work they do within our school. If you have further questions, please feel free to reach me at 563-732-2629.

Sincerely,



Marc Snavelly
7-12 Principal/Activities Director

Eastern Iowa Light and Power's headquarters are based in Wilton, Iowa, with three other offices that are remotely connected back to us. We have been on WTC's fiber connection since moving to our new location 4 years ago and are happy with the reliability and stability.

With technology moving the way it is, I am glad WTC is wanting to run fiber to the home. The increased speeds are a great option for those needing more bandwidth, and it would help the city attract more new residents into our community.

Thank you,
Lance Kephart
Manager of Information Technology
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