

**Connect Illinois Broadband Grant Program**  
**Community Leader Letter of Support for *Illinois Fiber Connect***

March 23, 2020

Dear Connect Illinois Broadband Grant Committee:

My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I am writing this letter in support of *Illinois Fiber Connect* because our community desperately needs affordable access to high speed broadband services. Our town is disadvantaged compared to other towns in the area due to the lack of reliable high-speed internet service. Lack of sufficient bandwidth has limited our ability to consider and implement educational and economic development programs, such as (check each one that applies):

**Please Check Answer**

**YES**

**NO**

Connections to telehealth networks

Distance learning for all levels of students

Streaming video for education, healthcare,  
and/or employment

Connections to corporate network headquarters

Increased employment opportunities for residents

Curbing population migration to urban areas

Smart farming and agriculture technologies

Improved emergency response facilities

The community's ability to attract medium-sized and larger employers

Other (please describe): \_\_\_\_\_

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As a community leader, I support this project that will help provide tools to address our health, education and safety issues of the area.

Other comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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If you want to contact me, I can be reached at \_\_\_\_\_.

Thank you for your consideration, \_\_\_\_\_