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April 22, 2021

Honorable Dan Miller, Chair  
Nevada Co Board of Supervisors  
950 Maidu Ave  
Nevada City, CA 95959

Re: Nevada Co Last Mile Broadband Grants

Dear Chair Miller and Supervisors,

The Nevada County Economic Resource Council (ERC) is pleased to support the staff recommendations to award a total of \$500,000 to Last-Mile Broadband Grant Program.

The ERC believes there is no better investment to support economic development than last mile broadband. In fact, we have worked tirelessly for over ten years in support of expanded broadband in the community.

We understand that the proposed grant is consistent with the Board's priorities and will support economic diversification and help businesses coping with the economic shock of COVID-19, students to access distance learning and families partake in telemedicine opportunities. The ERC encourages the Board to continue the Last Mile Grant Program and continue to identify projects that align with the region's economic development and community resilience strategies.

Sincerely,

**Gil Mathew**

**Executive Director**

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Dear Chair Miller and Board Members,

I am writing in support of the Russell Valley/Dog Valley/Klondike Flats project, submitted by Oasis Broadband, which will offer broadband service to 103 homes located within the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District. These residents have children enrolled in our schools and having a fast and stable internet connection is integral their comprehensive education.

At home, our students connect to the internet and use their devices to learn during and beyond the school day. They are able to access class meetings, complete homework, collaborate with one another, and receive instant feedback from their teachers. This access has proved to be critical during the past year as our students have participated in distance and hybrid learning environments required by state and local mitigations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We support regional vendors working with our government agencies and communities to ensure anytime, anywhere learning for students in all areas the district serves. As a regional broadband vendor and TTUSD partner, Oasis Broadband has proven their ability to deliver on project objectives. Over the last year Oasis successfully provided critical broadband access for TTUSD students where there was no wired connection possible and no cellular signal had reached.

We urge your approval of all the Last-Mile Broadband Grant program projects. These projects are a vital component to reaching California's digital access goals and our region's broadband objectives.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding our support of increased internet and connectivity services for the Tahoe Truckee region.

Respectfully,  
Edward Hilton

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