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Mr. Robert Osborn  
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**Re: Race Telecommunications Resolution T-17751 to Approve CASF Projects including Gigafy Nevada City**

Dear Director Osborn,

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors for the County of Nevada, CA, I am writing you to submit our support for the immediate approval of Resolution T-17751 to bring urgently needed fiber broadband service to hundreds of unserved households in Nevada County. We urge you to approve this resolution at the December 16, 2021 voting meeting, so that the Gigafy Nevada City project may be constructed as quickly as possible.

With the continuing COVID-19 pandemic and new variants appearing in 2021, our County urgently needs reliable Internet in many areas, for distance learning, telehealth, telework, and for use of emergency responders during disasters, amongst others. With many residents left unserved or underserved due to unreliable cellular service and fixed wireless service from steep terrain, foliage from very tall trees, and lack of abundant middle-mile facilities, many areas of our County still lack reliable fiber broadband service. Given the pandemic and the frequency of wildfires, delivering broadband to our residents is one of our top County priorities. In fact, the Board of Supervisors adopted Broadband as one of its top 2021 priority objectives. Specifically, Nevada County is committed to equitably expand broadband to support economic development, distance-learning, telework, telemedicine, and general quality of life for all residents by championing the implementation of Nevada County Broadband Strategy Plan policies and last-mile infrastructure projects that include projects like Race's Gigafy Nevada City.

Race applied for this Gigafy Nevada City project in early May 2020. It is our understanding that, although Race Telecommunications will be funded from the CASF Infrastructure fund for only 342 households, it intends to bring fast fiber broadband service at 1 Gigabit symmetrical speeds to *almost 500 households* in the original Gigafy Nevada City proposal on a voluntary basis. We are very grateful for this "above and beyond" financial commitment by Race to our County. Race has shown itself to be a positive and reliable force in our community, by acquiring and building the CASF Bright

Fiber Project approved by Resolution T-17495 and modified via resolution T-17633. As Race has almost completed that initial Bright Fiber CASF project in our County, we are impressed by its due diligence and implementation on that project to bring it to the finish line.

In short, our residents, businesses, schools, and libraries need broadband now, and any further delays will have a negative impact on our community. Therefore, we strongly urge that the draft Resolution be approved to prevent further delay in bringing gigabit broadband speeds to our community.

Sincerely,

Dan Miller,  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

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