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RE: Letter of Support for Horizon Telcom's proposed middle mile project

On behalf of The Perry County Commissioners, we are writing in support of Horizon Telcom's application for funding under the NTIA's Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Expansion grant program.

Horizon's proposed middle mile project would provide much needed connectivity in portions of the state that currently are unserved.

The Perry County Commissioners believe that Horizon's plan to expand the availability of high capacity, low latency, open access middle mile in Appalachian Ohio would create significant opportunities to improve the reliability and coverage of our tower network. Utilizing Horizon's fiber as backhaul, we would have an opportunity to improve the capacity of existing towers and to offer service in areas where there currently is none. Horizon's proposed network expansion also would improve the resiliency and performance in the region by closing rings, creating additional redundant pathways, and reducing latency.

Sincerely,

Scott Owen, President

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