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Enabling Middle Mile Grant Program
Office of the Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
1401 Constitution Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20230

Re: Concho Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CVEC) NTIA Middle Mile Grant

Dear Assistant Secretary,

I am writing to express my support of the application and proposed project by Concho Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. for the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Middle Mile Grant (MMG). I believe this project will expand access to reliable, high-speed broadband services for the State of Texas.

As a State Representative, I am pleased to support this project because the lack of accessible, affordable middle-mile fiber in Texas has prevented the expansion of fiber to the premise services. This grant is designed to expand and extend middle mile infrastructure to reduce the cost of connecting areas that are unserved or underserved. Concho Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. has discussed with me the benefits and prospects afforded by the successful completion of the proposed middle mile project. Specifically, the potential to have access to more affordably priced middle-mile service, ability to deliver higher broadband speeds to our last mile customers, and the option to connect all Anchor Institutions with symmetrical 1 Gbps broadband service.

Thank you for your consideration of Concho Valley Electric Cooperative's application for the NTIA Middle Mile Grant.

Respectfully submitted,

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