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Michigan High-Speed Internet Office
Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity
Lansing, Michigan

Re: ROBIN Grant Support Letter

Dear MIHI Office:

I am writing to voice Watervliet Township's support of MEC's application for funding from the Realizing Opportunities with Broadband Infrastructure Networks (ROBIN) to expand fiber-to-the premise service in Berrien County and Watervliet Township

Rural townships need reliable internet service and the project proposed by MEC will help Berrien County and Watervliet Township achieve goals for economic development, job retention, educational achievement and the overall health and well-being of our residents.

This grant would enable broadband deployment to over 4,000 unserved and underserved homes and businesses in Berrien County including Watervliet Township, allowing our residents and businesses to access the fastest and most reliable speeds available and provide limitless opportunities.

I ask the the MiHi office give strong consideration to approving the funding requested by MEC.

Sincerely,

Joe Stepich, Supervisor
Watervliet Township