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Eric Frederick
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Dear Mr. Frederick:

I write to request your full and fair consideration for ROBIN Broadband Grant applications seeking to serve households and businesses in Berrien County.

The Berrien County Broadband Internet Task Force (BCBIT) has recently studied the extent of unserved and underserved areas throughout the county. From telehealth and public safety to online learning and running a business, internet access has become more critical than ever. However, gaps in connectivity still exist for our rural Berrien County communities.

I understand Berrien County is resolved to support the use of ROBIN funds to fill these unmet needs. On behalf these fast-growing communities, please consider the meaningful impact that responsible, successful connectivity deployment projects would have for students, professionals, seniors, and all others who are seeking accessible, reliable high-speed broadband.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Bill Huizenga
Member of Congress