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To whom it may concern,

I write to you in support of the ROBIN grant application from Midwest Energy & Communications, Berrien County, and the Berrien County Broadband Internet Task Force.

Expanding internet access will allow my constituents to access educational opportunities, engage in global commerce, stay connected with family, engage with elected officials, leverage telehealth opportunities, and access the vast array of information available online more easily.

The Berrien County Broadband Internet Task Force (BCBIT), along with community leaders, have identified gaps in broadband coverage that the awarding of this grant will address. The result will be improved digital equity throughout the County and a direct economic impact through enhanced entrepreneurship, business development, educational opportunities, and health outcomes. We respectfully ask for your consideration of this grant application with the intent to increase the attractiveness of the area, encourage existing entities to maintain their presence, and improve broadband and digital equity for all the citizens and guests of Berrien County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Lindsey".

Senator Jonathan Lindsey  
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