

March 1, 2023
Michigan High-Speed Internet Office
Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity
Lansing, Michigan

Re: ROBIN Grant Support Letter

Dear MIHI Office:

We are writing to voice the Berrien County Farm Bureau's support of application(s) for funding from the Realizing Opportunities with Broadband Infrastructure Networks (ROBIN) to expand fiber-to-the-premise broadband service in Berrien County.

As broadband service has become increasingly vital for the growth of local economies, our members and their farms need access to reliable broadband service to continue to innovate and thrive. A healthy and successful agricultural economy is important for Berrien County and all of Michigan. Providing broadband service to unserved/ underserved areas of Berrien County will achieve goals for the future success of our members.

This grant would enable broadband deployment to unserved and underserved homes and business in rural Berrien County. This will allow our residents and businesses to access the fastest and most reliable speeds available and provide numerous opportunities.

We ask that the MiHi Office give strong consideration to approving the funding requested to further expand broadband to unserved / underserved areas of Berrien County.

Sincerely,

Berrien County Farm Bureau Executive Committee

Signature *Edward Kretchman*

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