



March 11, 2023

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

Re: ROBIN Grant Support Letter

Dear MIHI Office:

The Southwest Michigan Chamber of Commerce supports Comcast's application for funding from the Realizing Opportunities with Broadband Infrastructure Networks (ROBIN) to expand fiber-to-the-premise broadband service in Berrien County.

The importance of broadband service for local economies is growing, and it is imperative that broadband services be provided to unserved and underserved areas of Berrien County in order to stimulate economic development, retain jobs, attract new businesses, and increase overall business prosperity.

This grant would enable broadband deployment to unserved and underserved homes and businesses in rural Berrien County. These connections will not only allow our residents and businesses to access the fastest and most reliable speeds available, it will increase their opportunities for greater economic mobility in today's modern marketplace.

As Southwest Michigan's "*Voice for Business*," we respectfully ask that the MiHi Office give strong consideration to approving the funding requested by Comcast to further expand broadband to unserved / underserved areas of Berrien County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Arthur A. Havlicek". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Arthur Havlicek  
President & CEO