

Hagar Township

March 9th, 2023

Matching Funds Letter of Support

Please accept this letter in support of Midwest Energy & Communications' (MEC) application for the Realizing Opportunities Broadband Infrastructure Network (ROBIN) grant.

MEC's proposed multiple miles of construction in Hagar Township will bring service to 530+ residences and businesses currently unserved and struggling to stay connected digitally. No other ISP is offering to connect the entirety of Hagar's unserved/underserved properties in as comprehensive manner.

Hagar Township is committed (pending final contracts and final Board approval) to contributing \$650 per passing to this proposed project and will work closely with MEC to help ensure its success.

We believe that MEC's project will provide substantial direct and indirect economic benefit to our community by ensuring that people can successfully live and work here. Furthermore, the quality of life, prosperity, sustainability, and competitiveness of all our stakeholders is directly impacted by providing useful futureproof broadband access to all properties within Hagar Township and throughout Berrien County. We believe MEC is our best opportunity, with the ROBIN Grant funds, to realize that vision.

We are proud to partner with MEC and support its vision of creating vibrant, relevant, sustainable rural communities.



Signature

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Chief Operating Officer

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Midwest Energy & Communications

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