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Hopkins County Fiscal Court
56 N. Main Street
Madisonville, KY 42431

Dear Hopkins County Fiscal Court,

Please accept this letter of support for improved broadband access for Hopkins County, KY. The ability to provide critical infrastructure like broadband is necessary for attracting and retaining industries, educating our students and workforce, ensuring public safety, and encouraging tourism in rural communities.

Connection to affordable, reliable high-speed Internet continues to be a problem for areas outside of the Madisonville city limits and places limitations on our ability to grow our business and industry community. Additionally, it hinders access of information needed by our students, families, and workforce to achieve higher levels of education. Improving broadband service will also increase access for tourists visiting Hopkins County where currently internet speeds are slow or not available, limiting access to information on recreation, camping, boating/fishing and trails which are very popular in this area.

The effective use of the Internet and digital technologies can promote growth, competitiveness, innovation and high living standards for Hopkins County. The Hopkins County Regional Chamber of Commerce will continue to be a strong supporter of expanding broadband services to the underserved areas of the community.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Leslie Curneal
President
Hopkins County Regional Chamber of Commerce

The mission of the Hopkins County Regional Chamber of Commerce is to promote business and commerce for the Hopkins County region through leadership in economic, governmental, social, and educational development.