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December 30, 2020

Broadband Grant and Program Manager
Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs

To Whom It May Concern:

Roanoke Telephone Company, Inc., dba: TEC is an active participant in the local community and has been meeting with the local government, libraries, schools, Chambers County Development office , senior center and other community leaders to discuss the proposed grant application for an Alabama Broadband Accessibility Grant Program in our rural area of Chambers county commonly known as the Fredonia Community that does not have broadband available.

The Lanett Fire/EMS Department is the primary Emergency Medical Service Provider for the Fredonia Community. Broadband service is especially important to us for medical emergency response and patient care as well as assisting other public safety agencies in their responses in the area.
We greatly appreciate the community partnership TEC provides and respectfully request you approve this application for our community.

We fully support this effort and are thrilled at the prospect of getting broadband service for our area.

Sincerely,

Chief Johnny H. Allen
City of Lanett Fire & EMS

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515–0103

January 4, 2021

Mr. Kenneth Boswell
Director
Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs
401 Adams Avenue
Montgomery, AL 36103-5690

Dear Mr. Boswell:

I enthusiastically endorse the application for the grant submitted by the Town of Fredonia. The grant will assist with the implementation of broadband service in Chambers County. In preparing this grant many factors were cited contributing to the need for this funding.

I respectfully request that you give this grant application your most thoughtful and serious consideration. I would appreciate your acknowledging receipt of this letter with a response to Alvin Lewis in my Opelika District Office.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Mike Rogers

Mike Rogers
Member of Congress

MDR/al

cc: Valerie Gray
Executive Director
Chambers County Development Authority
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Lanett, AL 36863

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Chambers County
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December 30, 2020

Broadband Grant and Program Manager
Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs

To Whom It May Concern:
Roanoke Telephone Company, Inc., dba: TEC is an active participant in our county, specifically the northern portions, and has been meeting with the local government, libraries, schools, economic development authority, chamber of commerce, senior center and other community leaders to discuss the proposed grant application for an Alabama Broadband Accessibility Grant Program in our rural area of Chambers County that does not have adequate broadband available.

I am writing on behalf of the Chambers County Development Authority to express my support of TEC on its grant application to extend their fiber facilities to the areas that need service in Chambers County.

Internet access has become a critical utility for both big and small businesses, being almost as important as power. In order for new businesses to locate in our area and for existing businesses to thrive, access to internet is vital.
In addition, an educated and trained workforce is the key driver for companies looking to locate or expand their businesses. Internet access has become a fundamental component of both education and workforce readiness. Children are the workforce of tomorrow, education and technical skills are extremely important for preparing them for job opportunities that will be available when they enter the workforce. Young adults in our community need internet access to apply for jobs and to participate in online educational programs, so having broadband service available at home would greatly improve their potential for a successful future.

We fully support this effort and are thrilled at the prospect of the greater broadband service for our area.

Sincerely,

Valerie G. Gray
Executive Director

CHAMBERS COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY | P.O. Box 269, Lanett, AL 36863 | (334) 642-1412

ALABAMA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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REP. BOB FINCHER
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Broadband Grant and Program Manager
Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs

Dear Sir or Madame:

The Roanoke Telephone Company, Inc. or TEC is actively pursuing a grant from the Alabama Broadband Accessibility Grant Program to provide increased and improved connectivity in the Fredonia Community of northern Chambers County. Like much of rural Alabama, a great need exists as there is no broadband available in this area. I want to commend TEC for their farsightedness and willingness to step forward in the east-central part of our state to provide services that our people need.

As the state representative for House District 37, I am in full support of their efforts. My district is very much in need of this augmentation. This will greatly improve information flow, educational opportunities, medical delivery options, economic growth, and so much more. I am asking that you please give this request a high priority.

Sincerely,

Bob Fincher

Chambers County Commission

Sam Bradford, District 4
Chairman
Debra Riley, District 6
Vice Chairman

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Charlie Williams, District 1
James Williams, District 3
David Eastridge, District 5
Doug Jones, District 2

Regina Chambers, County Manager

January 5, 2021

Broadband Grant and Program Manager
Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs

To Whom It May Concern:

I write on behalf of the Chambers County Commission.

Roanoke Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TEC is an active participant in the local community and has been meeting with local governments, the Chambers County Development Authority, and community leaders to discuss a proposed Alabama Broadband Accessibility Grant. This would be for a rural area in Chambers County, commonly known as the Fredonia community, that currently does not have broadband available.

The Chambers County Commission seeks to state its support of this initiative. Having broadband access promotes education and improves public safety, quality of life, and property values throughout Chambers County.

We greatly appreciate the community partnership TEC provides and respectfully request you approve this application in our County.

We pledge to work with TEC in the implementation of broadband service in the Fredonia community of Chambers County, Alabama.

Respectfully,

Sam Bradford

Sam Bradford
Chairman of the Chambers County Commission

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RANDOLPH COUNTY HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

P. O. Box 1125

Roanoke, Alabama 36274

To whom it may concern,

Having practiced medicine in Randolph County for almost 40 years I have witnessed the evolution of telemedicine firsthand. This has not only been utilized in the hospital and clinic settings but also in the home care environment for the transmission of important medical data. Patients can monitor vital signs and address symptoms through single user portals that can be customized to a patient's specific disease. This can allow the patient to alert providers of health conditions in real time. Unfortunately not all areas of our community have adequate internet/phone services that allows them access to the quality of medical care that all people deserve.

In rural Alabama, we are medically underserved and continue to have severe difficulty in recruiting qualified medical personnel especially specialist. Telemedicine is allowing patients to have access to specialist from the clinic, hospital and emergency setting that otherwise might not be obtainable due to either time or travel constraints. The ability for rapid interpretation of data such as xrays, ekg or even remote cardiac auscultation can significantly reduce morbidity and mortality. Other specialist, such as dermatology, utilize telemedicine to offer services at remote locations allowing patients care that they might otherwise not obtain.

The aim of telemedicine and patient monitoring is to improve patient health outcome for both acute and chronic disease including cardiac, respiratory, diabetes and dermatology. As technology evolves there are many avenues yet unexplored. Digital healthcare initiatives help organizational goals reducing hospital admissions allowing patients to be more comfortable in the home environment.

William Caypless P.A.-C

Chairman, Randolph County Health Care Authority

Vice Chairman, Tanner Medical Center East Alabama

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1-14-2021
Broadband Grant and Program Manager
Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs

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I am writing as Superintendent of the Chambers County School District to express my support of TEC on its grant application to extend their fiber facilities to the areas that need service in Chambers county.

An educated and trained workforce is the key driver for companies looking to locate or expand their businesses. Internet access has become a vital component of both education and workforce readiness. Children are the workforce of tomorrow, education and technical skills are extremely important for preparing them for job opportunities that will be available when they enter the workforce. Young adults in our community need internet access to apply for jobs and to participate in online educational programs, so having broadband service available at home would greatly improve their potential for a successful future.

We fully support this effort and are thrilled at the prospect of the greater broadband service for our area.

Sincerely,

Casey Chambley

Chambers
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9-1-1/EMA
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Chambers County Emergency Communications District, Inc.
P. O. Box 66
3609 Veterans Memorial Parkway
Lanett, Alabama 36863

12/30/2020

Broadband Grant and Program Manager
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Chambers County Emergency Agency (EMA) the primary provider for coordinates mutual aid and disaster response to Fredonia Community.
Broadband service is especially important to us for response to natural and manmade disasters as well the rapid dissemination of alerts and warnings to the community.

We greatly appreciate the community partnership TEC provides and respectfully request you approve this application for our community.

We fully support this effort and are thrilled at the prospect of the getting broadband service for our area.

Sincerely,

Jessica Yeager

Jessica Yeager, Director
Chambers County Emergency Communications District, Inc.

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Chambers County

December 30, 2020

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The Chambers County Sheriff's office is the primary law enforcement agency for the Fredonia Community, broadband service is especially important to us for routine patrol, investigation of crimes as well as assistance to search and rescue units.
We greatly appreciate the community partnership TEC provides and respectfully request you approve this application for our community.

We fully support this effort and are thrilled at the prospect of the getting broadband service for our area.

Sincerely,

Sid Lockhart
Sheriff

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Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affair

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As Alabama's Senator representing District 13, I fully support this effort in having broadband access that improves public safety, quality of life, and property values throughout our community.

We greatly appreciate the community partnership TEC provides and respectfully request you approve this application for our community.

We fully support this effort and are thrilled at the prospect of the getting broadband service for this area.

Sincerely,

Randy Price

Randy Price
Alabama State Senator, District 13

Annie L. Awbrey Public Library
736 College Street
Roanoke, AL 36274

February 3, 2021

Broadband Grant and Program Manager
Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs

To Whom It May Concern:

Roanoke Telephone Company, Inc., dba: TEC is an active participant in the local community and has been meeting with the local government, libraries, schools, chamber of commerce, senior center and other community leaders to discuss the proposed grant application made possible by the Alabama Broadband Accessible Grant Program. Much of the rural area of Randolph and Chambers counties do not have adequate broadband available.

TEC has also volunteered to host digital literacy classes and internet safety training for students and parents at our location. We greatly appreciate the community partnership TEC provides and respectfully request you approve this application.

We fully support this effort and are thrilled at the prospect of the greater broadband service for these communities.

Sincerely,

Margaret Calhoun

Margaret Calhoun, Director
Annie L. Awbrey Public Library