



# Franklin County Chamber of Commerce

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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Franklin County Chamber's Board of Directors and Chamber Members, I would like to express the need and importance of broadband in rural Franklin County. High-speed internet is critical for the twenty-first century way of life from our educational systems to economic development. Internet today is as important as electricity was to the rural areas of the early 1900s. With the ongoing threat of COVID-19, lack of access to a high-speed internet is detrimental to our children, our residents, and our businesses and industries. Without high-speed internet, we have little to no access to work from home, allow our students to learn virtually, or to conduct business. This service is a need for our county.

I am sending this letter in full support of Tombigbee Communication's Fiber Initiative which includes providing true, high speed broadband to every home and business in Franklin County. This type of project gives us hope to increase our economic development, aid our schools, improve our medical facilities, and enhance our quality of life. We need access to high-speed internet to encourage people and businesses to stay in Franklin County. This service is also needed to recruit new businesses and industries, creating more jobs. With the promise of a true high-speed connection, the opportunities are limitless. To move forward and navigate the coming years, fiber is no longer an option; it is a necessity.

As the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce, we stand behind Tombigbee Communications as they work to enhance the lives of residents, businesses, and industries in Northwest Alabama. We are looking forward to receiving this much needed service soon. We are anxiously awaiting the exciting opportunities and development this will bring to rural Franklin County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cassie Medley".

Cassie Medley  
Executive Director