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To Whom It May Concern,

Our affiliate is partnering with C3 of Northwest Alabama which is a regional economic development organization representing Fayette, Lamar, and Marion Counties. This economic development alliance combines the forces and resources of three counties in our service area and 15 communities to proactively grow the region by marketing our many advantages to new and existing businesses. Through the teamwork approach established by forward-thinking local leaders, the region has become greater than the sum of its parts. Our affiliate serves the rural counties of Fayette, Franklin, Lamar, Marion and Winston in Northwest Alabama. Our affiliate was established in 2000 so we have over 17 years of experience in serving low-income families in our communities.

We at Northwest Alabama Habitat for Humanity support the Tombigbee Electric Cooperative's fiber initiative as we feel that it will be significant transformation for this region of the state. We know it will contribute to the growing vitality in Northwest Alabama and provide a significant technological boost to the area. Our office currently deals with the consistent major issue of slow internet connection on a daily basis that affects our daily operations as a nonprofit organization serving low-income families in our communities. Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Alabama and Tombigbee Electric have the shared common interest in promoting prosperity and community development within the region that we love and call home. We are proud of the work that the Cooperative has taken upon themselves to conduct and are equally as grateful.

In conclusion, Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Alabama fully supports the Tombigbee Electric Cooperative's fiber initiative. We are looking forward to the contributions it will provide to the community and to our organization. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at (205) 412-9754 or by email at teressa.clark@nwalhabitat.org. Thank you for your time and consideration of this initiative.

In Partnership to Serve Others,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Teressa Clark". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Teressa Clark
Executive Director