

Dear Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development:

My name is _____ and currently hold the position of _____ at _____.

As a businessperson in Wilkin County, Minnesota, I am pleased to support the Border-to-Border Broadband Grant application by Red River Communications because our rural communities are in desperate need of affordable access to high-speed fiber broadband services.

There are many ways in which sufficient bandwidth has limited my company's ability to implement growth incentives. Below are a few ways fiber broadband access can help us improve and grow our business.

Speed and Cloud Access

The speed and bandwidth capabilities of fiber internet mean faster access to our data and applications stored in the cloud. The more our business uses the cloud, the more critical fast and easy access to the information becomes.

Increased Bandwidth and Symmetrical Speed

Within the year, our business uses our internet system extensively, often "hitting the cap" on copper Internet bandwidth. However, fiber optics have a significantly higher level of bandwidth which can be important for web conferencing, streaming video, file sharing, and accessing the cloud. Along the same lines, the symmetric speed from a fiber connection enables us to simultaneously accommodate heavy downloads and uploads.

Growth

As our company grows, we can adjust our fiber network to accommodate growth without additional hardware. Other technologies – such as DSL and copper – have limitations and often require extra equipment to attain more speed.

As a business leader, I fully support Red River Communications' project to help provide tools to help us grow and support our business goals.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Sincerely,

Signature

Phone

Date

Physical Address

City, State, Zip

Email