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Dear Applicant,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback for the scoring criteria of USDA's ReConnect Program. Since taking office as Governor in May 2017, I have made it a top priority to connect Iowa to the world by expanding high-speed internet access, especially in our rural communities.

When I created the Governor's Empower Rural Iowa Initiative, it included a "Connecting Rural Iowa" task force to focus on financing connectivity. The final recommendations of the Empower Rural Iowa Initiative led to the recent passage of House File 772, which will provide state incentives for broadband. Those final recommendations are found at https://governor.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ERI_Recommendations_122018.pdf, and the legislation may be viewed at <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/LGE/88/HF772.pdf>. In addition, the State of Iowa Broadband Program Landing Page is located at <https://ocio.iowa.gov/broadband>.

Regarding USDA's ReConnect Program, Iowa has no restrictions on utilities delivering broadband services. Additionally, Iowa has procedures in place to expedite administrative activities, if necessary, for completing rights-of-way and environmental permitting requirements for ReConnect projects, in order to meet USDA's project build-out timelines.

I applaud everyone at **Company/Organization** for taking the initiative to deploy broadband services in rural Iowa, and I wish you the best outcome in seeking assistance from USDA's ReConnect Program.

Sincerely,
Kim Reynolds
Governor