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Cal-Ore Telephone Co.
719 W 3rd St.
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Subject: Reconnect 3 Grant Program Application

To Whom It May Concern,


The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors would like to express our support for the Reconnect 3 Grant Program application submitted by Cal-Ore Telephone Company in Dorris, CA.

If awarded grant funding, the proposed action will be to install fiber-optic broadband in rural Siskiyou County, California that will provide high-speed broadband availability to homes, farms, and businesses. Its current absence precludes residents and businesses in unserved and underserve communities from participating in the 21st Century economy.

Expanding the availability of high-speed broadband communications provides essential benefits by allowing increased economic and trade opportunities for small to medium-sized businesses and serves as a required component of infrastructure for all large businesses in 2022. The lack of this essential infrastructure component is limiting existing businesses in rural California from reaching their full potential and eliminating business recruitment activities that could result in much needed jobs and investment for these communities. Additionally, Homeland Security requires an integral role for Counties in securing the Nation. Adequate communications systems and information access are vital to meeting this important responsibility.

The Board of Supervisors strongly supports Cal-Ore Telephone Company's grant application and request that you give it your highest level of consideration.

Sincerely,

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Brandon A. Criss, Chair
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