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Subject: Required Community Letter of Support for the “**Huerfano Highway 160**” project.

To Whom It May Concern:

The County of Huerfano is providing this, non-exclusive letter for Jade Communications as part of the Advance Colorado Capital Project Fund grant application.

This project will serve 300 unserved and 89 underserved locations in the SE area of Huerfano County. There is great need for advanced broadband in this very rural, impoverished area of Colorado. The need is illustrated by the more than 80% of unserved locations. This project will be Fiber to the Premises for all premises in this area, and bring a much needed, second, redundant middle-mile fiber link into the County.

We believe this is a needed project to help bridge the digital divide in the rural southeast area of Huerfano County and aligns with the State of Colorado's Broadband objectives, including enhancing educational, economic, health care access and support digital inclusion.

This letter was approved by the Huerfano Board of County Commissioners on August 8, 2023.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and ongoing commitment to empowering communities through access to broadband.

Sincerely,

Huerfano County Board of Commissioners

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