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Board of County Commissioners

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Colorado Broadband Commission
601 E. 18th Ave., Suite 250
Denver, CO 80203

RE: Jade Communications Fiber to the Premise Broadband Grant Application

Dear Broadband Commission,

This letter is to enthusiastically support the grant application of Jade Communications to provide Fiber to the Premise (FTTP) service to the communities of Spanish Peaks and the Cuchara Mountain Resort. This grant will provide much needed service to connect these citizens to the previously awarded Highway 12 middle mile and final mile project in Huerfano County.

This grant will provide 100/100 service that is scalable and meet the future needs of these communities that have heavily forestation and mountains that make fixed wireless spotty, unreliable and unavailable. This will permit the community to grow into the future of business and work from home opportunities in a significantly rural county.

Huerfano County consistently has one of the highest unemployment rates and one of the highest poverty rates in Colorado with limited educational opportunities beyond high school. This grant will permit more online educational opportunities, support our efforts to increase mobile health services, and provide growth opportunities for businesses.

We, the Huerfano County Board of County Commissioners, provide our unconditional support and encouragement for this grant application.

Sincerely,

Gerald Cisneros, Chairman

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