March 22, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

I believe that next-generation broadband is an essential feature of our community and that investments in this critical infrastructure will help secure our community's future in the digital world. Next-generation fiber broadband will help ensure that our business community remains competitive and is positioned to thrive in the new economy. In addition, it will help position Sterling as a smart community, attracting new high-tech jobs into our workforce and fostering growth of key industries. A foundation of advanced broadband will positively impact many aspects of our community, including economic development, education, safety and security and healthcare. In these aspects, broadband not only benefits our businesses but also the overall quality of life of our citizens.

I state my support of Surf Internet's application for a grant through the Connect Illinois Broadband Expansion Program and believe that these wise investments in broadband infrastructure made by Surf Broadband will provide long-term benefits to our business community and our citizens' overall quality of life.

Respectfully,

Kris Noble, Executive Director

Sauk Valley Area Chamber of Commerce

