



SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSION

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USDA Rural Development
PO Box 66889
St. Louis, MO 63166

Re: Letter of Support for the Rural Utilities Services Distance Learning & Telemedicine Grant

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing to express our enthusiastic support for Utah State University's 2024 application for the RUS Distance Learning & Telemedicine Grant in order to construct an academic building in Monument Valley, Utah. This initiative is of paramount importance to the community and will significantly enhance educational and tele-health access in an area that has historically been underserved.

The proposed academic building will serve as a beacon of opportunity for Monument Valley, Oljato, and other areas within the Navajo Nation. By providing vital infrastructure for both education and telemedicine, it will bridge longstanding gaps in access to these essential services.

Utah State University has a longstanding commitment to serving the members of the Navajo Nation, and this project is a testament to their dedication to providing high-quality education and healthcare to the people of the region. The funding provided by the RUS Distance Learning & Telemedicine Grant will enable USU to expand its reach and impact even further, ensuring that individuals in Monument Valley and surrounding areas have access to the resources they need to thrive.

In addition to the immediate benefits of improved education and healthcare access, the academic building will also serve as a catalyst for economic development and community empowerment. By investing in the future of Monument Valley, we are investing in the future of all its residents. We wholeheartedly endorse Utah State University's application for the RUS Distance Learning & Telemedicine Grant and urge you to give it your full support. Together, we can make a tangible difference in the lives of countless individuals and strengthen our community for generations to come.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jamie Harvey
Commission Chair