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## MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Oregon Broadband Office  
775 Summer St, NE, Suite 200  
Salem, Oregon 97301

### **RE: Marion County Board of Commissioners Support of Internet Service Providers Grant Application**

Oregon Broadband Office,

The Marion County Board of Commissioners writes in support of grant applications from Internet Service Providers (ISPs) operating in Marion County to secure funds through the American Rescue Plan Act Capital Projects Fund, Broadband Deployment Program (BDP). This grant would help ISPs develop and deploy broadband infrastructure to serve rural broadband serviceable locations (BSLs) in Marion County that currently do not receive broadband service that reliably meets at least 100/20 Mbps.

The Marion County Board of Commissioners supports grant applications by Marion County ISPs that seek to accomplish the following:

- Deliver broadband access of a minimum of 100/100 Mbps to serve rural unserved BSLs (lacking service that reliably meets or exceeds 25/3 Mbps) and rural eligible BSLs (lacking service that reliably meets between 25/3 and 100/20 Mbps)
- Commitment to affordable pricing
- Commitment to low or no hookup fees

We encourage the Oregon Broadband Office to support this BDP grant application to help Marion County ISPs bridge the digital divide and ensure our rural citizens, communities and businesses have access to affordable and reliable broadband service. Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Kevin Cameron  
Chair

Handwritten signature of Danielle Bethell in blue ink.

Danielle Bethell  
Commissioner

Handwritten signature of Colm Willis in blue ink.

Colm Willis  
Commissioner