# Latah CountyCommunity Member

Idaho Broadband Advisory Board DAY, April #, 2023

c/o Ramón S. Hobdey-Sánchez, J.D.

State Broadband Program Manager

Idaho Department of Commerce

700 W. State Street, Boise, Idaho 83702

Re: Latah County Capital Projects Fund Application

 Letter of Support

Dear Idaho Broadband Advisory Board:

I/we strongly support Latah County’s application to the Capital Projects Fund for broadband expansion.

The Latah County Broadband Coalition recognizes the unmatched importance of broadband access for education, health, commerce, public safety, and community. And I/we support their shared goal of ensuring that every community member has access to reliable and affordable broadband, which is not only a key component to modern life but also to future development.

ADD ANY SPECIFICS ABOUT YOUR INTERNET ACCESS, WHERE YOU LIVE, HOW YOU USE BROADBAND, OR PROJECT SUPPORT THAT MIGHT BE HELPFUL – OR DELETE THIS LINE

I/We agree that a robust broadband connection gives students better access to educational opportunities, patients enhanced connections to healthcare professionals, businesses access to customers around the world, first responders more reliable emergency communications, and farmers the ability to increase productivity and profitability.

The Coalition’s phased approach considers how to connect the entire County. It leverages public funds to the greatest extent possible by building a future-proof foundation for collaborative, hybrid last-mile solutions. It incorporates public safety and other governmental uses as well as implements a “Dig Once” approach. And it gives the citizens of Latah County the option to choose their service provider.

For these reasons, I/we strongly support the public-private partnership proposed by the Latah County Broadband Coalition. And I/we encourage you to put un- and underserved rural residents first by funding this community-supported proposal.

## Sincerely,

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