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I am providing response comments related to the following application (choose one): **EpicTouchCo\_Liberal**

I am responding to concerns this project: **Other**

Please describe: **All public comments Epic Touch received in this phase were all positive and in support of our proposed project.**

Please provide your response to the public comments received in the text box below.

**Epic Touch is pleased to respond to the overwhelmingly positive public comments received during the public phase of the Broadband Acceleration Grant. The responses repeatedly emphasize the need for high-speed internet and the support of the Liberal, Kansas community for the proposed project. Not a single comment negatively reflected on the project or our company. In fact, it is Epic Touch's understanding that out of all the comments the Department of Commerce received, our proposal generated the greatest number of responses.**

**The voices of our community are consistent with issues raised in Epic Touch's grant application. First, current internet services are inadequate to support the community's needs. Unreliability and slow internet speed are commonly reported reasons for their support. Second, the citizens of Liberal are confident that Epic Touch will deliver on this project. For example, several relay positive experiences with our company. From the many comments, it is easy to see there is a clear excitement for our proposal in this community.**

**As a company with its headquarters in Southwest Kansas, we take our work--work that benefits our neighbors--very seriously. We are honored our reputation is reflected in the public comments the Department of Commerce received and look forward to the next step in the grant application process.**

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Please provide supporting documents relative to your comments. Please submit multiple files as a ZIP file.

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**Becki Richardson - Friday, February 5, 2021**

By submitting this form for public comment and evidence to support your comment, you are accepting responsibility for the accuracy of the information submitted and that it is true and correct to the best of your knowledge. You agree to be contacted by the Kansas Office of Broadband Development, Kansas Department of Commerce should the need arise. Furthermore, by making this submission, you understand that Kansas Department of Commerce and the Office of Broadband Development reserve the right to publicly publish your comment and evidence provided. Falsification of information will result in rejection of future public comment submissions and could result legal action. Please type your name and today's date in the text box below.

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