



February 8, 2022

Broadband Acceleration Grant – Kansas Department of Commerce
Re: Giant Communications, Inc.

Dear Selection Committee,

We, the below signed citizens of Jackson County, Kansas wholeheartedly support the application submitted by Giant Communications, Inc. for a broadband project in Denison, Kansas.

As city officials, both current and recent past, we experienced first-hand the issues faced over the past few years when local broadband connections are found lacking. During the pandemic, with so many of our residents required to stay home, it became obvious how important robust connections are for every home in our county.

Connections for work allow residents to continue to earn livings. Connections for school keep our children learning. Some connections even provide indispensable lifelines in the case of telephone service and other necessary communication methods.

It became apparent, to all, that limited connection to the Internet was more than just a mild inconvenience when everyone had to connect at once and we struggled to function on some of the most basic levels.

Mutual support is just one of the reasons that this group came together and all of the city officials signed below see the need for this project to be funded and completed as quickly as possible.

None of us live in the area that will benefit from this project, but we all realize that projects benefitting our neighboring communities will benefit us all by strengthening the foundation of our entire county. In turn, that strengthens the entire State of Kansas.

Denison has unfortunately lost population over the last 50 years. For Denison to turn itself around and embark on a journey to a brighter future, the community must have access to broadband.

Not only will this kind of project strengthen the quality of life for the current residents of Denison, but it will make the area more attractive to new residents. New residents in Denison means new residents in Jackson County and new residents in Jackson County means new residents in Kansas.

With this spirit of growth in mind, we the below signed city officials support Giant Communication's broadband proposal for Denison.

Sincerely,

Mike Hare, Mayor of Circleville

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Hare".

Don Trimble, Mayor of Delia

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Don Trimble".

Leonard Allen, Hoyt Council President

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Leonard Allen".

Jonathan Wimer, Mayor of Mayetta (2008-2022)

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jonathan Wimer".

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jon Banaka".

Jon Banaka, Mayor of Netawaka

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brenda Holliday-Stanton".

Brenda Holliday-Stanton, Mayor of Soldier

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Loren Lind".

Loren Lind, Mayor of Whiting