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To Whom It May Concern,

The Commission of Jackson County expresses our support for the Broadband Acceleration Grant II application submitted by Giant Communications, Inc., headquartered in Holton, KS.

This application proposed is to build fiber-optic broadband connectivity to homes, farms, and businesses in Denison, KS. The area proposed within the grant has limited broadband access. This became evident during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Expanding broadband communications has become a critical component of successful economic development, workforce retention, education, healthcare, agriculture, and the list goes on. Access to affordable high-speed internet is critical to attract and retain residents in this area.

In support of this endeavor, we commit to provide in-kind support for this project of \$100,000.

Cordially,

The Board of County Commissioners
Jackson County, Kansas

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Kathrens", is written over a horizontal line.

Ed Kathrens, Chairperson