

COUNTY OF RAVALLI



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Montana Department of Commerce
ATTN: Connect MT Program Administrator
301 S. Park Avenue
Helena, MT 59620-0501

To Whom It May Concern:

The Ravalli County Board of Commissioners support all efforts to deliver high-speed broadband to the underserved rural areas in our county. We truly appreciate the effort of the Department of Commerce in addressing the needs of Montana's underserved areas through the Montana Broadband Deployment Program.

Ravalli County is currently served by multiple providers though many areas of the county still have little or no service. Consistent with the State of Montana, Ravalli County has a disproportionately high number of small businesses in these underserved areas, including agricultural producers that will realize significant benefit from increased broadband access and higher speed internet. These benefits will manifest themselves with increased economic return to citizens and our local economy.

For the above mentioned reasons, Ravalli County supports all grant applications that will increase access to high-speed internet to these underserved areas in the Bitterroot Valley.

Respectfully Submitted,


Ravalli County Board of Commissioners



Dan Huls, Chairman



Greg Chilcott, Member



Jeff Burrows, Member