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Hon. Steve Bullock
Governor, State of Montana
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Dear Governor Bullock,

During this legislative interim, the Economic Affairs Interim Committee (EAIC) has been exploring various options to promote broadband deployment in areas across Montana that are currently unserved. At the EAIC's most recent meeting, the committee unanimously approved a committee bill draft for the 2021 Legislature that encourages new broadband investment by private providers across Montana.

As we continue to explore additional options, the EAIC would encourage you to meet with the broadband provider community in Montana to identify coverage gaps where no broadband is currently being provided to the citizens of Montana. We also encourage you to explore how any funds provided through the federal response to the COVID-19 pandemic might be utilized by the private providers to address these unserved areas for the benefit of the people of Montana.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. We stand ready to work with you to better serve the citizens of Montana.

Sincerely,

Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy

Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy, presiding officer on behalf of the EAIC

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