

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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Mr. Jonathan Adelstein
Administrator
Rural Utilities Service
United States Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20250-0747


Dear Administrator Adelstein:

As the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) reviews applications for the second round of the Broadband Initiative Program (BIP), I am contacting you to express my support of the applications filed by Project Telephone Co.

As you well know, many people living in rural Montana either do not have high-speed access to the Internet or it is available only at speeds that are insufficient for the bandwidth-intensive applications essential for delivering programs such as telemedicine, distance learning, public safety and economic development that will create and maintain jobs and improve the lives of Montanans. The Broadband Initiative Program can help close the gap between rural and urban America.

Thank you for your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,


Denny Rehberg
Member of Congress