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On behalf of NPPD, I would like to thank the members of the Rural Broadband Taskforce for their report and their successful commitment to gather input from a widely diverse set of stakeholders. I'd also like to express our support for the response from the Nebraska Power Association.

NPPD especially appreciates the taskforce's recognition of the importance of public private partnerships in solving the rural broadband challenge and is highly supportive of the taskforce's commitment to keep as many "tools in the toolbox" as possible in order to meet this challenge. While NPPD has no interest in providing retail internet service, we do stand ready to help in other ways to ensure that connectivity is available across the state. From seeking and facilitating partnerships, with companies such as Paige Wireless, to streamlining access to our assets without compromising safety and reliability, we are fully committed to doing our part to eliminate Nebraska's digital divide once and for all.

Again, thank you for the report and for allowing us to provide input.

Sincerely,

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