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Dear Sir,

I saw your RFC associated with acquiring accurate data of broadband capacity. To date, I am not sure that any provider has provided accurate information as to what assets are located in Rural America. I am a County Administrator in Botetourt County, VA and we have a local Broadband Commission that is seeking information about where broadband infrastructure is located and it is very difficult to obtain such information.

We can get anecdotal information that certain houses have access at certain speeds to only find that access next door is not possible.

I understand that as for the business case, that providers may not wish to share information, however we have areas that have a huge pipe (broadband) in areas that NEED access and the provider will not provide. It equates to being thirsty in the desert will walking alongside a 24 inch COLD water line with NO taps. We are dying in Rural America while waiting on incumbent providers to serve areas that they wish while leaving other areas blank.

Is there a way for:

Universal Service for Broadband?

Access to "real" and live available data for Broadband?

Us to actually get the information about where broadband is located along with capacities by waiver or special; exception from a locality? i.e. Can you force providers to provide localities with accurate access of the broadband infrastructure?

We MUST have access to better broadband for the Rural Areas in able to assist in solving larger economic problems of the nation or we will become the places that are more subsidized by the rest of the nation. We offer cost effective locations for remote operations of Business/Industry/Government IF we have access to education and broadband.

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Thanks,

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