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Fiber to rural areas and small towns in Kansas is vital for us to decrease the population loss. Most of our kids that grow up here want to move the big city to seek better jobs. Our county and area is one of the poorest in the state. High speed fiber internet would be a game changer for more industry to locate here. Another thing that has become apparent during the pandemic is that many people would like to move to smaller towns and get out of the big city to raise their children in a more calm safer environment. Remote work is becoming more the norm to allow this to happen. It's also keeps people from long commutes, which helps them save gas money. People who don't desire spending their money on entertainment, restaurants, concerts, activities, etc. would like to live in a small town. Affordable, reliable, high-speed internet that is up to 1 GBit is a key factor now as to where people work and locate. Coffeyville, my town, has gradually lost population and industry since the 60's. It is difficult to compete with the cities and their money to attract companies. When the pandemic hit, our local John Deere unit employess were forced to work from home for almost 2 years. Many of my co-workers that live just outside the city limits had very slow internet and made it difficult for them to efficiently work from home. Since then, cellular wireless has improved out in the country, but not much. Its very expensive and unreliable for a work from home scenario. Cox Cable is the main internet provider inside the city limits, but won't go outside the city limits much. They are also very expensive compared to rates I've heard about from friends in KC (think Google Fiber). The current rates are unaffordable for lower income people, like my mother. Most areas just outside the city limits are not served by Cox or any other affordable high speed ISP. I live in the city limits and am one of the fortunate few to have fiber internet to my house thru the city of Coffeyville. This needs to be more available to all city areas. I love it and has allowed me to take another engineering role at the John Deere Product Engineering Center (yes the big tractors) based out of Waterloo, Iowa, but remain here in Coffeyville to do the work from home. Without affordable high speed internet, this would not have been possible for me. I probably would have had to move to Iowa for further career opportunities. There are others like me who would do the same if the opportunity presented itself. If there were even 50 more people like me that stayed in Coffeyville, it would have a significant impact on the local economy and tax base. It will also allow our rural area people to have better internet at home for their children and possible small businesses as well. Coffeyville and our surrounding area needs this ability to better our economy and quality of life. Please provide the grant to them. Thank you. -Alec Hendryx

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