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**Public Comment Form**

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Are you responding on behalf of an organization? **Yes**

Please provide the name of the organization and address for which you are submitting comments: **State Representative Kansas House District # 11**

Which of the following best describes you?  
(Check all that apply) **Elected or Government Official**

I am providing comments related to the following application (comments must be filed individually for each project):

## KwiKom\_Montgomery County

I am submitting comments to express:

### Support for a project

Please provide your comments in the text box below:

**Montgomery County is currently challenged by the lack of reliable, high speed fiber internet. As the Kansas House Representative representing Independence, Cherryvale , Sycamore, and the rural areas in portion of District # 11. I am keenly aware of the impact the lack of this tool in their toolbox has caused when attempts are made to recruit new industry and commercial business to these areas. In addition, it has been a challenge to recruit new residents from metro areas around the state, and from other states around the country to move to these cities and rural areas in this portion of District 11. In this new wave of workers that are able to work from home, no matter where they choose to call home, high speed fiber internet availability is an absolute must!**

**This application, which includes Independence, Cherryvale, Sycamore and other rural areas in Montgomery County located in this portion of District # 11, will provide these cities and the rural areas around them, with the tool needed to help put them in position to help reverse the two decade long trend of declining population, poverty and economic stagnation. The project proposed in this application, will be a huge economic development incentive, hopefully assisting to fuel commercial and residential development, and in turn provide economic stability in these identified area of Montgomery County.**

**I am looking forward to having the KwiKom's project, proposed in this application, play a huge part in helping to address the critical high speed broadband deficiency in this portion of Montgomery County contained in District # 11, and thus helping to ignite economic activity that will be a catalyst for new growth and new jobs for the cities and residents located in the area detailed in this application.**

**Thank you very much for your favorable consideration of this request.**

Upload supporting documentation - multiple files should be submitted as a .ZIP file.

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By submitting the

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