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The Kansas Office of Broadband Development (KOBD) is in the process of developing its BEAD Initial Proposal as required by the NTIA. This initial plan is divided into Volume 1 and Volume 2. Volume 1 includes initial identification of unserved and underserved locations, definition of community anchor institutions, proposed pre-challenge process location modifications, and the model challenge process. Please use this link to review the entire Initial Proposal Volume 1 document, and feedback on Volume 1 will be captured in the text boxes below. The comment portal will be open from August 1, 2023 through August 30, 2023. KOBD will then review all feedback and submit the Initial Proposal to the NTIA. To access a full copy of Volume 1 of the BEAD Initial Proposal along with accompanying documents, please use the links below:

<https://www.kansascommerce.gov/officeofbroadbanddevelopment/broadband-equity-access-and-deployment/>

I am responding to comments related to the following Volume 1 requirements	<b>Requirement 5: Identification of existing unserved and underserved broadband locations</b> <b>Requirement 6: Identification and application of Community Anchor Institutions (CAI)</b>
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Comments relating to Requirement 5: Identification of existing unserved and underserved broadband locations

**According to the Map, my address shows 100% covered. Does this mean I should have sufficient internet access? I currently have Mercury Broadband as an ISP. A few months ago I was forced to upgrade to a “better and faster radio” receiver. The radio I had prior to the upgrade was called a Mimosa which consistently provided 30Mbps down and 10Mbps up. With the new radio I feel the speeds have been steadily throttled down from 26Mbps down/11.9Mbps up on July 21, 2023, to 2.8Mbps down/1.6Mbps up recorded today. This by definition should be considered unserved. I wish I Mercury would be investigated for what their deceptive practices. Furthermore, since I also live in an area without cellular reception, I rely heavily on internet service to send/receive phone calls and text messages. In my 20 years volunteering with Wabaunsee County Fire District 5, I have never been concerned about missing a emergency notification of a medical call or fire until now. Mercury Broadband service is so unreliable that I’ve missed several call-outs in the past month. I am also an regional manager for BNSF responsible for responding to emergency service interruptions of interstate commerce, grade crossing emergencies, etc. I am now, for the first time in 11 years at my current address, afraid that I might not receive calls and respond as necessary. This whole area where I live needs to be reassessed because we are unserved.**

**\*A screenshot of my internet speeds has been uploaded as an attachment in the CAI List Upload**

**\*\*Please contact me if my comments need to be submitted to a different department/office or if you need further details**

Comments relating to Requirement 6: Identification and application of Community Anchor Institutions (CAI)

**The residences of the firemen and first responders of WB Count Fire District 5 should be grouped together and identified as a CAI.**

**The following is from my previous comment:**

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