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15th Legislative District

May 10, 2019

Mr. Christopher Caldwell, Federal Chairman
236 Sharkey Avenue, Suite 400
Clarksdale, MS 38614

RE: Hopkins County Broadband Project
2019 DRA Application Letter of Support

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

This letter is written in support of Hopkins County's 2019 application to Delta Regional Authority for their broadband improvement project.

Hopkins County proposes to expand reliable and affordable broadband services for the un/underserved citizens of rural Hopkins County. This project plans to place broadband equipment at six locations of existing water and/or communication towers. These rural and economically distressed areas of Hopkins County are such that no private entity is expected to offer high speed access in the near future without available grant funding to subsidize their investment. This project will provide access to thousands of citizens within Hopkins County upon completion.

As one of three elected state representatives for Hopkins County, I look forward to working with you and the Delta Regional Authority staff to ensure this project is a success. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melinda Gibbons Prunty".

Representative Melinda Gibbons Prunty
15th Legislative District

CC: Sandra Dunahoo, Commissioner

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