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Wisconsin Senator Dianne Hesselbein
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Wisconsin Representative Mike Bare
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RE: 1/5/2024 Message regarding Town of Perry

Dear Senator Hesselbein and Representative Bare:

TDS Telecommunications LLC (TDS) wishes to convey our appreciation for your recent correspondence and your support for broadband improvements for the Town of Perry. I am pleased to share that TDS elected to receive Enhanced Alternative Connect America Cost Model (E-ACAM) support for Wisconsin from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The E-ACAM program will provide funding for additional rural broadband expansion including the deployment of 100/20 or better service to unserved areas, including our exchange areas in the Town of Perry. TDS' current plans are to build fiber to our E-ACAM locations in the Town of Perry and offer speeds in excess of 100/20 Mbps, including multi-gig speed offerings.

E-ACAM is an important step forward in closing the digital divide and we hope the Town of Perry is as excited as we are in this once-in-a-generation broadband expansion opportunity. TDS' election of E-ACAM will bring additional broadband investments to the state, allowing federal Broadband Equity Assess & Deployment (BEAD) funding to be stretched even further to qualifying applicants.

The E-ACAM program supports TDS' ability to make long-term investments to improve rural broadband with E-ACAM program's predictable support. However, we are working to deliver improved broadband as fast as possible to benefit our communities and in alignment with the program's required deployment timelines, which mirrors the BEAD program. We will keep the Town of Perry updated as we have more detail to share about our E-ACAM upgrade timeline.

Within our wireline markets, TDS remains steadfast in our commitment to expanding fiber-to-the-home networks to ensure that all eligible E-ACAM addresses, including those in the Town of Perry, benefit from these improvements. In addition, TDS has reaffirmed our commitment to consumer adoption by offering low-cost or no cost connectivity through the federal Affordable Connectivity Program.



We look forward to continuing to work together to ensure all Wisconsinites have access to affordable and reliable broadband services. Once again, thank you for your engagement and support. We remain steadfast in our dedication to delivering enhanced broadband services and expanding our infrastructure to benefit all our TDS communities.

Sincerely,

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