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RE: Ziplay Fiber's application to Oregon Broadband Capital Projects Fund- Yamhill County

Dear Jessica,

The Yamhill County Commissioners are pleased to support Ziplay Fiber's grant application to bring fiber to unserved households and businesses in Yamhill County. We appreciate the investment Ziplay is making in our communities and recognize the benefits of grant funding to support investment in rural high-cost areas.

The Internet has become increasingly important in our daily lives, as a tool we need to conduct business, and in communicating with our public. The Coronavirus Pandemic required all of us to move to the on-line environment for school, work and to access healthcare. The proposed areas in Yamhill County does not have adequate internet access.

Broadband access is an important factor in deploying Next Generation 911 services to end users. In crisis situations communications infrastructure resiliency is an important component of public safety and emergency management. The expansion of fiber optic infrastructure will improve our ability to serve the public.

We appreciate, encourage and support Ziplay Fiber's efforts to leverage available grant funds to expand broadband in rural Oregon.

Respectfully,

Lindsay Berschauer
Chair

Kit Johnston
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Mary Starrett
Commissioner

Approved by the Yamhill County Board of
Commissioners on 4/18/24
via Board Order 24-117