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Goodhue and Wabasha Counties



# Minnesota House of Representatives

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Minnesota Office of Broadband Development  
Border to Border Grant Program  
Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development  
First National Bank Building  
332 Minnesota Street, Site E200  
St Paul, MN 55101

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to support the Border to Border grant application submitted by Nuvera that will improve broadband for my constituents in Goodhue County.

As the State Representative for 21A, I know this grant will benefit the underserved and unserved broadband areas of Goodhue County. In my district, the advantages for consistent and adequate broadband supports agribusiness, manufacturing, small businesses, students and citizens. It provides economic support and business expansion for our community. Access to broadband supports our workforce needs which in turn maintains jobs, educational opportunities, and main street business -- which are all critical in supporting rural communities. I am often contacted by constituents in this area letting me know how difficult it is for their children and school work; businesses needing stable internet and farm operations that lack the needed broadband.

Nuvera's application has matching funds and they have worked with leaders in our community to obtain approvals and permitting. The economic development impact on Goodhue County by having access to stable broadband will allow the region to compete within Minnesota and globally. I strongly support the Border to Border grant application submitted by Nuvera for Goodhue County and appreciate any consideration you can provide for a grant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara A. Haley".

Barb Haley  
State Representative, 21A  
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