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SPARK Executive Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Chair of the SPARK Connectivity Advisory Panel. There is no doubt that there are connectivity needs in Kansas and the SPARK process offers a unique opportunity to address some of these needs. I am truly honored to have a role in this process.

Some of the greatest connectivity related needs exist in rural Kansas. In discussing this panel with Vice-Chair Stanley Adams, we have determined that additional panelists would be able to provide the panel an enhanced understanding of the rural perspective and needs.

To allow for representation that will help the panel better understand the connectivity needs of rural Kansans, myself and Vice-Chair Stanley Adams would like to request that two additional members be added to the SPARK Connectivity Advisory Panel:

- Daniel Friesen, Ideatek Telecom Inc.
- Jeff Wick, Communications Coalition of Kansas

Mr. Friesen, Mr. Wick and their organizations have worked closely on rural connectivity issues in recent years and have significant expertise in that area. Their perspectives will allow the panel to better understand the needs and issues specific to connectivity in Kansas.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing your decision.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Petersen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Senator Mike Petersen