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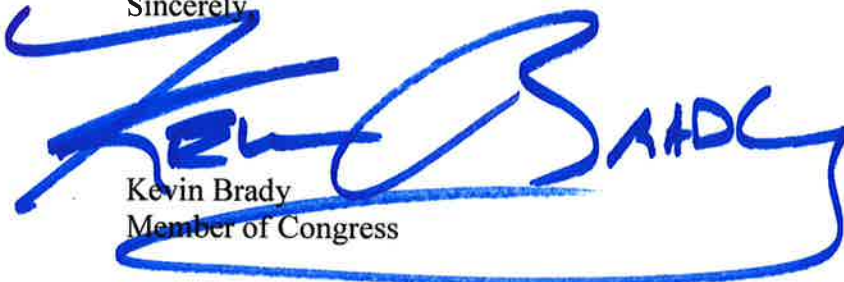
I understand my constituent, Mid-South Synergy, has applied for a grant application through the USDA ReConnect Program (Application: #101000156). This application, if approved, would assist Mid-South Synergy in their continued effort to bridge the digital divide in rural America. I urge you to give full and fair consideration to their application as your team moves forward with the review process.

Many of my constituents in the Eighth Congressional District of Texas live in rural communities and are impacted by the lack of broadband connection. High speed internet access extended to rural communities promotes long-term economic growth, and advancement in technology has made this access mandatory for small business success in my district. Moreover, the broadband deployment will increase telehealth and telemedicine options for residents, increasing the overall well-being and health of our local communities. Without this grant, nearly 2,000 citizens will remain on the wrong side of the digital divide and continue to lack essential access to broadband that has become a necessity in today's world.

Mid-South Synergy provides quality services (electricity, solar, water, wastewater, internet) at reasonable prices, and has improved the quality of life and economic health of constituents in my district.

I appreciate the time and attention taken to review this proposal. If you have any questions please feel free to contact my Legislative Assistant, Preston Howey, at (202) 225-4901 or by email at Preston.Howey@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



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