

Grand Traverse County Example Individual Letter

Date: March 1, 2010

To: Mr. David J. Vallano
Assistant Administrator Telecommunications Program
Rural Utilities Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Subject: Grand Traverse County Rural Broadband Project

Dear Mr. Vallano,

I currently have very limited Internet access with only dial-up service at my rural home in Grand Traverse County. I fully support the application being made to the USDA RUS Broadband Initiative Program to bring high speed Internet access to our rural community. Just as my grandparents and parents benefited from having electricity brought to them through an earlier USDA program, my family will benefit similarly from this investment into our rural community here in Grand Traverse County Michigan.

Having affordable high speed Internet will remove a barrier to our local economic recovery and allow me to access information critical to education and work as well as other knowledge only available through the Internet. Currently my children are limited in their ability to do homework without access to the Internet from our home putting them at a great disadvantage. I am thankful to be employed yet know I would be even more productive with high speed Internet at my home.

Please help my family get access to the Internet and approve the regional project for Grand Traverse, Benzie, Kalkaska and Leelanau Counties of Michigan.

Thank you,

Your Signature

Your Name