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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of USA Choice Internet's efforts to receive funding to increase their broadband services in our service territory which would include public and nonpublic schools specifically in Forest, Venango and Crawford counties.

Riverview Intermediate Unit #6 has a continuing interest in expanding the broadband services throughout the state of Pennsylvania, but specifically in our rural underserved areas. The possibility of furthering curriculum and services has been an ongoing goal of RIU6 since we initially received an E-Fund grant in 2005 to begin implementing a regional wide area network.

With funding, USA Choice Internet will be able to continue to expand their service with the installation of a regional infrastructure that will provide homes, schools and businesses of rural Northwest Pennsylvania the same world-class connectivity currently only available in large metropolitan and suburban areas. Also benefitting would be various government agencies including first responders (e.g. police, fire and health care providers).

USA Choice Internet has delivered affordable options to our school districts and consequently enhanced the broadband services to businesses, healthcare providers and 911 centers. With additional funding, they will be able to continue these services and continue to expand upon them.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kevin Watkins".

Kevin Watkins
Director of Technology & Auxiliary Services
Riverview Intermediate Unit #6