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Ms. Angie McArthur/Mr. Jason Kronemeyer  
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RE: EUP Connect Collaborative

Dear Angie and Jason:

The HSC Foundation, Inc. recognizes the need for broadband Internet service to the residents and businesses of the EUP. The lack of equitable and affordable access to broadband infrastructure impedes the economic development of our region and impedes health and education-related opportunities in our region.

We are pleased to learn that the Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District is working to remedy this issue through the EUP Connect Collaborative. Regardless of the rural area we live in, there should be equitable access to broadband connectivity for our residents, businesses and visitors.

Broadband Internet service is no longer an optional service, but rather a necessary utility. Through a collaboration of partners, the EUP can move from an underserved region with limited broadband to a well-served region. This will provide opportunities for economic growth, educational opportunities and advancements, healthcare support and philanthropic activities.

We support this regional collaborative. If you need further assistance from us, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Richard F. Pershinske  
President