

Providing a Voice for Northeast Colorado

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WHEREAS, much progress has been made in making broadband infrastructure available within Progressive 15 counties there still are remote areas lacking broadband coverage;

WHEREAS, Broadband Fund support should be targeted to un-served areas outside a Metropolitan Statistical Area which are not currently served with landline or wireless broadband infrastructure;

WHEREAS, broadband monies from the Fund should provide support for the most efficient wire line or wireless broadband solutions for the un-served areas;

WHEREAS, broadband support should be available as necessary to provide incentive to carriers to deploy broadband wire line or wireless services to un-served areas. The amount of such support should be capped at 50% of the investment needed to provide broadband service to the un-served areas;

WHEREAS, broadband support should be a one-time payment There should be no support for the recurring costs of broadband operations; and

WHEREAS, eligibility for broadband support from the Fund should be agnostic as to the regulatory classification or identity of the provider (independent telephone companies vs. regional Bell operating companies vs. competitive local exchange carrier vs. cable companies vs. wireless carriers, etc.);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Progressive 15 supports Federal and State efforts to establish and implement a Broadband Fund to assist in bringing efficient broadband coverage to un-served areas.

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