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Dear Dane County Local Government Leaders,

On behalf of the Dane County Broadband Task Force, we are pleased to introduce Dane County's new Broadband Coordinator, Jaron McCallum! Many of you may know Jaron from his years of work at the PSC's Broadband Office. We're thrilled to have someone with his breadth and depth of experience joining us in the effort to expand broadband availability and access throughout Dane County.

As the broadband coordinator, Jaron will be working closely with Dane County communities to better understand your near and long-term broadband expansion objectives and to assist in helping your community connect with internet service providers. We are seeking your valuable feedback and insights to help us identify areas where the county can partner with your community or provide assistance to bring projects to fruition. We are particularly interested in any projects you might be pursuing with funding assistance from the current round of Capital Projects Fund (CPF) Broadband Infrastructure Grants which just opened on August 14<sup>th</sup>, and are due by November 7<sup>th</sup>.

Jaron will be reaching out to you in the coming weeks to discuss your current and planned projects, as well as explore potential areas of collaboration. We encourage you to take this opportunity to share any challenges, opportunities, or ideas you may have regarding broadband expansion in your community.

We understand that expanding broadband infrastructure is a complex task that requires collaboration and partnership between multiple stakeholders. Our aim is to foster strong working relationships with elected officials, community institutions, citizen groups, and internet service providers to ensure that all Dane County residents have access to reliable, high-speed, and affordable internet services.

We look forward to working with you and appreciate your commitment to improving broadband access in Dane County.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Melissa Ratcliff in blue ink.

Dane County Board Supervisor Melissa Ratcliff  
Dane County Broadband Task Force, Chair

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Dane County Board Supervisor Jeff Glazer  
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