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Re: Reply to Comments by Buckeye Hills Regional Council Regarding the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Docket Nos. 19-126 and 10-90.

Madam Secretary,

In the world of Public Safety and EMS, time is critical to responders and the people we serve. In Hocking County there are many broadband insufficiencies in the 424 square mile coverage area. If someone is having a heart, every second is very important. Time is muscle, each minute that goes by could be causing irreversible damage to the heart and could even result in death. Current technology allows use to transmit the individuals Cardiac 12 Lead EKG from the scene or the truck directly to the hospital. However often times this process is delayed due to the fact that a signal is unable to be obtained in the area that we are located. Improved broadband service will allow EKGs and other mission critical information from 911 and other Public Safety Partners anywhere in the county.

Please consider placing RDOF money to the rural areas of Southeastern Ohio. People that live in these areas should have access to broadband and being able to benefit from all of the resources that it offers.

Sincerely,



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