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I live in Chatham County, North Carolina and run my business from home with very limited options for Internet. Chatham County is growing considerably--forecasted to triple or quadruple in size over the next two decades. As a sole proprietor, after living in Raleigh for 7 years with high-speed Internet options, and now the past few months since we've moved to Pittsboro, I have found it challenging to adjust to the slow and intermittent Internet connection available at our home.

The speed (the only speed available) is insufficient in carrying out standard tasks for business operation, and I have found that I need to travel once or twice per week to another county with higher speed public Wi-Fi in order to complete or send work to a client. This should not be how one runs their business.

An Internet connection is a utility that should be equalized across the country. Our communities, businesses, and schools in Chatham County have a need for adequate Internet, whereas other metropolitan areas are over-saturated with options.