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California Advanced Services Fund Team
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RE: Support for Frontier Communications request for funding from the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) for Garberville to Alderpoint Project

Dear California Advanced Services Fund Team:

On behalf of the City of Arcata, I am pleased to write a letter of support for the CASF application from Citizens Telecommunications Company of California, Inc. d/b/a Frontier Communications of California to provide broadband to residents and businesses in the Garberville and Alderpoint area.

The application is for a middle-mile and last-mile project that will provide High Speed Internet, Ethernet and VoIP services to the households and critical community anchor institutions in Southern Humboldt County including a hospital and a sheriff's substation. Redwood Coast Connect has listed upgrading service to Southern Humboldt as one of their High Priority Projects, and we are grateful that Frontier Communications is willing to invest in the area.

We recognize how important broadband is to the future of rural communities. This proposed project will provide much needed connectivity for communities that have been actively lobbying for additional service for many years, and I am certain Frontier will have a high adoption rate once the project is completed. I urge the California Public Utilities Commission to fund this critical project.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (707) 822-5953 or mwinkler@cityofarcata.org.

Respectfully,

Michael Winkler
Mayor