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Dear Rural Rensselaer County Resident,

As technological advances continue to create more opportunities to learn, grow and operate a business, work from home, and communicate to those around the world, access to affordable high speed internet has become crucial. This is a point brought up time and time again by our local businesses seeking to expand their markets as well as local leaders frustrated that the lack of high speed internet is a detriment to attracting businesses looking to lay down roots in our communities and create the much needed jobs and economic vitality.

It is with those points in mind that Rensselaer County has continued to seek opportunities to expand broadband into underserved portions of the County. While we have garnered limited success in seeking grant funding to expand broadband into parts of the County, many communities are still underserved. To help identify those areas the Rensselaer County Industrial Development Agency has created a survey that has been included with this letter.

The intent of this survey is to identify areas lacking broadband and use that information to seek further grant funding to make this vital service available throughout the County. Your participation is crucial to our success and I am hopeful you will take time to complete this survey.

If further information is necessary or you have questions about this service or our efforts to expand broadband throughout Rensselaer County please call Linda von der Heide at 518-270-2921 or email her at [Lvonderheide@rensco.com](mailto:Lvonderheide@rensco.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen M. Jimino".

Kathleen M. Jimino  
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