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Rural Colorado Telecommunication Upgrades

WHEREAS CLUB 20 believes the access and availability of advanced telecommunications services are important to current and future economic development efforts in western Colorado

WHEREAS CLUB 20 recognizes that the State of Colorado along with telecommunications providers have constructed a \$100 million digital communications network connecting all 64 counties in the state;

WHEREAS There remains rural and high-cost areas in the state where the ‘last mile’ connection for broadband networks do not exist for use by small businesses, home-based businesses and residential consumers;

WHEREAS CLUB 20 feels very strongly about the vital importance of this issue, and believes all its member communities are entitled to state-of-the-art telecommunications technology;

WHEREAS CLUB 20 is working to create an environment where innovative ideas, partnerships and incentives are used to develop solutions with private sector providers of telecommunications, which will meet the telecommunications needs of rural Colorado and to ensure advanced services are universally available;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CLUB 20 urges local, state and federal policy makers to provide additional incentives or remove roadblocks for the further development of broadband networks in western Colorado.

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