December 29, 2020

Barry Drazkowski, Broadband Committee Member Town of Cross W614 Buehler Valley Road Fountain City, WI 54629



Re: Telecommuter Forward! Community Certification for the Town of Cross, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Drazkowski:

The Public Service Commission's Wisconsin Broadband Office has reviewed your application for certification as a Telecommuter Forward! Community. Based upon its review of your application and pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 196.5045, I am pleased to inform you that the Wisconsin Broadband Office hereby approves your request and certifies the Town of Cross as a Telecommuter Forward! Community. The certification is effective as of the date of this letter.

Broadband access is increasingly important to our economy, education and daily life. The state as a whole—citizens, governments, providers, schools and businesses—has an interest in expanding broadband access and usage in underserved areas of the state. Becoming certified as a Telecommuter Forward! Community sends a signal that the Town of Cross has taken steps to promote public-private partnerships to support telecommuting opportunities.

The state of Wisconsin is pleased to recognize the Town of Cross's commitment to supporting telecommuting opportunities by certifying it as a Telecommuter Forward! Community, and we look forward to working with you. The Wisconsin Broadband Office stands ready to serve as a resource for the Town of Cross. Please contact me, Jaron McCallum at 608-267-2160 or <a href="mailto:jaron.mccallum@wisconsin.gov">jaron.mccallum@wisconsin.gov</a> for additional information.

The Town of Cross's Telecommuter Forward! Community certification serves as an outstanding example of public-private collaboration to maximize the benefit of broadband infrastructure investments in Wisconsin, in support of economic development and community vitality.

Jaron McCallum

State Broadband Director

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