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Planning & Building Services

RE: Case # U-2019-0011

Dear Mr. Schultz,

On behalf of Willits Unified School District I am requesting that the County of Mendocino approves the installation of the 143' lattice tower to provide hi speed broadband internet to an underserved community; case # U-2019-0011.

When schools across the nation were forced to close due to the COVID-19 pandemic, students/families went to distance education and learning at home. How can we expect students to compete and stay on course if they have poor internet access, well we simply can't! It is imperative for the education of students and their future to have high speed internet. I urge you to approve the project, stand up for our students' success in education and do the right thing so that they may all have equal opportunities.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Mark Westerburg, Superintendent Willits Unified School District