



Dear Chairman McKenzie,

I hope this letter finds you well.

On behalf of Brightspeed, I am writing to respectfully request a letter of support from the Baldwin County Commission in connection with our application for the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) grant administered by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA).

Brightspeed is committed to expanding high-speed internet access in unserved and underserved areas across Baldwin County. Through this grant opportunity, we aim to deploy fiber broadband infrastructure that will deliver reliable, affordable, and future-ready internet service to residents and businesses in the region.

The BEAD program represents a transformative opportunity to close the digital divide in Alabama. We believe this initiative will significantly improve quality of life for local residents and help ensure that Baldwin County remains competitive in an increasingly digital economy.

A letter of support from the Baldwin County Commission would greatly strengthen our application and demonstrate the County's shared commitment to expanding broadband access for its communities. Included with this message is a draft letter of support along with a map of the proposed project area.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We appreciate your ongoing leadership and support for broadband initiatives across Baldwin County. Please feel free to contact me at (334) 391-8146 or ken.ward@brightspeed.com with any questions or to discuss this request further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Ward', written in a cursive style.

Ken Ward

Community Affairs Manager, Alabama & Georgia
Brightspeed