

October 6, 2023

Central Rural Electric Cooperative  
P.O. Box 1809  
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RE: Letter of Support for Centranet – PI: Sachin Gupta

To Whom It May Concern:

Across Oklahoma, almost one in five residents lack access to a home broadband connection at newly proposed minimum broadband speeds of 100/20 Mbps. Rural communities disproportionately lack reliable, affordable high-speed service offerings.

Community partners like Centranet, a subsidiary of Central Rural Electric Cooperative, who have experience building and maintaining infrastructure, are well situated to deploy residents, small businesses, and community anchor institutions across the state.

Next Century Cities works with local leaders across the United States. Our organization specializes in developing broadband policies and programs that advance community-based goals. We also provide unique opportunities to elevate local broadband champions. Supporting community-led broadband initiatives, including with local partners in rural Oklahoma, is a natural extension of our work.

Centranet's community-focused mission could provide a model for other communities nationwide. We look forward to supporting this project and building on our existing collaboration with the Centranet team.

Sincerely,  
Next Century Cities

