



May 20, 2009

Coshocton County Commissioners,

Please accept this letter as indication of my strong support for the countywide broadband wireless deployment in Coshocton County.

As the Campus Administrator for the Coshocton Campus of Central Ohio Technical College, I strongly support the broadband initiative as it directly relates to the needs of our students in the Coshocton community and their advancement through higher education. Access to high speed internet throughout the county is critical to all residents but especially to students who use the tools and resources available on the worldwide web.

The internet is the fastest growing tool in directly linking students to a broad array of resources to facilitate student access and success. The processes of applying to college and financial assistance to tutoring sessions can all be completed online. In addition, the offering of online classes allows students the opportunity to balance multiple responsibilities while attending college. Without online offerings it is often impossible for students who work or have children to even consider going to college.

The mission of Central Ohio Technical College is to meet the technical education and training needs of students and employers in the area. With this, it is essential that students have the abilities to be well versed and comfortable with technology in order to be competitive in the job market. Thus, the broadband initiative provides students the experiences that would be necessary to achieve the technological skills that employers in today's advanced society are requiring.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dorothy Skowrunski".

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