

August __, 2026

From: _____

Belfair, WA 98528

To: Mason Public Utility District 3 (PUD 3) and grant approval authorities including
Washington State Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB)

This letter is to express our support for Mason PUD 3 extending their open-access Ready-to-Connect fiber broadband network to my neighborhood in the Belfair Acreage Tracts Association in Mason County. We have lived here many years and internet service has always been unreliable and expensive. Satellite is a problem because of the trees and weather. The phone line internet is extremely slow due to limited bandwidth and we experience periodic outages. There are cell service dead spots so we rely on internet for WIFI calling but because the bandwidth is low, calls are often dropped or don't even go through. The limited bandwidth makes it hard for multiple family members to use the internet at the same time which can impact school and work.

Fiber broadband speed and capacity would allow access for improved education opportunities, economic development, public safety, and telehealth services. We understand the fiber line would go in with replacement of our underground power lines improving power reliability. Since many homes here, including ours, are on well water, power outages mean water outages unless people have a generator to operate their well pump. Not everyone has the resources to have a generator, so power reliability is critical to health and safety.

We appreciate your consideration of this critical project and we ask that you make it a high priority. We look forward to high-speed broadband and reliable power at the conclusion of the project. Thank You!

Sincerely,
