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To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing today to support your efforts to bring Silverton's telecommunications capacity into the 21st Century. The Center for Snow and Avalanche Studies is a not-for-profit, research and education organization with a national and international clientele. Our customers need and expect state-of-the art telecommunications while here in Silverton, whether using our Center facility, at their hotel, or in the coffee shop, and the CSAS needs to transmit and receive data quickly and reliably to/from our global community of snow and climate change researchers information.

It's clear, therefore, that we (and Silverton), currently require affordable fiber optic service into the community, and that the CSAS and many other community organizations are at a competitive disadvantage with other institutions and communities that do currently have state-of-the art fiber optic service. Further, unless our telecommunications provider commits to continually upgrading that technology, then Silverton will always remain vulnerable to falling 'behind the curve' as other communities are upgraded.

Please feel free to cite the CSAS's operation as you make the argument that Silverton needs state-of-the-art fiber optic service.

Yours truly,


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