



Community of Minnesota Resorts

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Senator Andrew Mathews
Chair, Senate Civil Law and Data Practices Committee
2105 Minnesota Senate Bldg.
St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: SF 3476 Broadband Line Extensions

Senator Mathews:

Thank you for taking the time to speak with the Community of Minnesota Resorts during our virtual Day on the Hill last week. We appreciate your willingness to listen to our concerns.

During several of our legislative meetings the issue of rural broadband was discussed. We have long advocated for border-to-border broadband and are supporting Senator Johnson's legislation to extend broadband service lines to unserved areas.

Broadband is a critical service for our businesses and resort guests. Many visitors attempt to stay virtually connected while away from the office and this was even more evident during the pandemic. SF 3476 helps focus attention on small areas that still need service, and the grant process included in the bill will help make line extension economically viable. Without it, these small pockets without service will continue to be left behind. We hope you and your colleagues will support it.

Thanks for all you are doing to support tourism and resorts.

Sincerely,

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