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Hazel Reintjes, Mayor  
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Dear Mayor Reintjes:

At the September 14, 2019 meeting of the Peace Library System board of directors, the topic of rural connectivity and bandwidth needs was discussed. Many rural public libraries have insufficient SuperNet bandwidth to meet their patrons' needs; many rural areas have limited Internet connectivity to meet the needs of rural residents.

The Minister of Service Alberta, the Honourable Nate Glubish, has been discussing this issue with Albertans, including those in the north. He would like to hear about the needs of rural Alberta and he would like to work with municipalities, service providers and other parties for a solution.

Peace Library System has written to provincial and federal officials concerning this issue. The Peace Library Board requests that member municipalities and library boards write a letter to the Premier of Alberta and the Minister of Service Alberta outlining their bandwidth needs. Let them know your circumstances and why you need increased bandwidth and better "last mile" connectivity. Let them know if there are any possible solutions unique to your area.

There is a huge cost to increasing rural Alberta connectivity, but perhaps we can work together to find cost-effective solutions that will benefit library patrons and all residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Carolyn Kalebaba".

Carolyn Kalebaba, Chair  
Peace Library Board