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WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Glen F. Post, III
Chief Executive Officer and President
100 CenturyLink Drive
Monroe, LA 71203

Dear Mr. Post:

I am writing regarding CenturyLink's plan to deploy broadband infrastructure in Minnesota through a \$324 million Connect America Fund – Phase II (CAF-II) award.

This investment demonstrates a significant commitment by both CenturyLink and the federal government to increasing economic competitiveness across Greater Minnesota. When complete, CenturyLink's CAF-II buildout of broadband promises to improve connectivity throughout the state for 115,000 homes and businesses making it easier for entrepreneurs to start businesses, students to participate in distance learning and patients and doctors to access high-quality telemedicine.

Given the importance of this project to Minnesota, it is my hope that CenturyLink and its partners quickly reach agreement and resolve any remaining staffing issues to the satisfaction of all parties so that they do not hinder in any way the progress envisioned by the Connect America Fund. For example, I was encouraged to learn that CenturyLink and the Communications Workers of America are discussing the possibility of hiring "regular term" workers for certain projects under specific timelines. Such an approach could help ensure that the buildout is completed quickly with high-quality work that would avoid excessive maintenance and repair costs in the future.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I applaud CenturyLink for the commitments it has made to Minnesota with the CAF-II award, and I look forward to continuing to work with you and CenturyLink's partners to connect every Minnesotan and every American to broadband service.

Sincerely,



Amy Klobuchar
United States Senator