



April 21, 2021

Doug LaMalfa
408 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Support for Community Project Funding for the City of Chico's Broadband Program for the Chapman/Mulberry Community

Dear Congressman LaMalfa,

The Chico Chamber of Commerce wishes to express our support for the City of Chico's Broadband Program for the Chapman/Mulberry Community. Our region and county have historically lacked affordable, quality, fast bandwidth internet service perpetuating the inequality of broadband access affecting our region's economies, educational access, societal capabilities, medical, transportation and first responder safety.

Broadband is essential to modern life. The COVID-19 pandemic has only reinforced our reliance on broadband as well as the importance of closing the digital divide. Broadband access is an essential component of digital equity.

This broadband program will allow Chico to facilitate broadband deployment to an underserved community. The Chico Chamber of Commerce appreciates the opportunity to provide this letter of support for the City of Chico's Broadband Program in the Chapman/Mulberry Community.

Sincerely,

Katy Thoma
President/CEO