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Room 805—LOB
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RE: September 17, 2019 hearing on Rural Broadband to identify the current broadband needs in rural New York State

Ms. Williams:

I am compelled to write my testimony for the above-referenced public hearing next week. I have been working through Senator Metzger's office and do thank them for their advocacy to date; however, we still do not have broadband.

Indeed, since moving to Sullivan County from Queens in Jan 2018, our only issue is lack broadband. We live off of Gables Road which connects Route 97 and Route 52 in Narrowsburg, but the broadband service ends 0.5 miles from our home. We do not live in a remote area of the County. Narrowsburg is up and coming.

I work on a full-time basis remotely from a McLean, VA office. To deal with lack of broadband service to our home, I have rented a co-working space at Narrowsburg Union, enlisted a satellite internet provider (which is expensive and unreliable) and use two Verizon hot spots for a total exceeding \$500/month.

It is unbelievable to me that our family struggles with what is a basic service at higher speeds across the river in Wayne County, PA. We have three children 8, 6, and 5 years. I realized last night while trying (once again) to edit a file for work after hours that this lack of broadband will also impact their learning and access to information as the school years progress.

Please address this issue to serve ALL parts of New York state with broadband or we will loose others trying to come to this area and others like it. I would be happy to talk further: 347-979-4992.

Sincerely,



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