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**Tranel Supports Broadband Expansion in Rural Lancaster**

Madison, WI – State Representative Travis Tranel (R-Cuba City) wrote a letter in support for the TDS Broadband Expansion grant application for Farmers Telephone Company to expand service in rural Lancaster.

“Residents in the rural areas surrounding Lancaster need improved broadband service for business, education and telehealth,” said Rep. Tranel. “Without adequate broadband service, small businesses cannot operate efficiently, students cannot complete homework, and in-home patient monitoring is not possible. This was true before the Covid-19 pandemic and is needed now more than ever.”

Rep. Tranel successfully increased broadband funding in the last state budget. He is committed to advocating for the doubling of the current funding level to $88 million during the 2021-2022 legislative session. The residents of southwest Wisconsin deserve access to the most modern broadband service possible.

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