



LANSING REGIONAL CHAMBER

We Work Relentlessly to Help Businesses **Connect, Grow and Thrive.**

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Attn: Eric Frederick, Chief Connectivity Officer  
Michigan High-Speed Internet Office (MIHI)  
Prosperity Division  
Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity

Dear Mr. Frederick,

On behalf of the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce, I'm writing to express support for AT&T's Realizing Opportunities with Broadband Infrastructure Networks (ROBIN) application to expand broadband services in the Greater Lansing region.

The Greater Lansing region is a wonderful community, and yet there are areas that lack access to reliable high-speed internet service. This is a barrier to opportunities for residents, businesses, and other institutions in our community. Fortunately, as a licensed, reliable provider of home and commercial internet services across the state, AT&T is well-equipped to established high-speed internet service in more communities.

If awarded ROBIN funding, AT&T would create the infrastructure to extend fiber internet to more people. As a business advocacy organization, the Lansing Regional Chamber seeks to help local businesses with the host of issues they may face. Ensuring high-speed internet service is at the top of that critical list. Without this level of connectivity, there is no way they can compete for customers or talent in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century economy.

At no point in time has internet service been more important for employment, education, and overall connectivity. The unseen infrastructure that keeps us all connected is just as critical as the roads we travel. If the region is to continue growing and thriving, with new and better opportunities for residents, we desperately need this expansion of high-speed internet.

A broadband expansion in our community would be excellent news for the families who live here and the businesses who operate here. We encourage your support of AT&T's ROBIN application and appreciate your consideration.

Thank you for your continued efforts to expand broadband services to all areas of our great state.

Sincerely,

Tim Daman  
President & CEO  
Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce