



*"Our Roots are
in Jersey County"*



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To Whom It May Concern

On behalf of Jersey State Bank, I would like to express our strong support for GTI's IL Gigabit Communities Challenge grant application. Our two organizations have worked closely for many years on efforts to provide broadband services and global connectivity to the residents and businesses of Jersey County.

From a financial point of view, I am aware of GTI's long-term commitment of resources that are needed in order to deploy and expand broadband services to our communities. The company has a long history of successes in providing the area with ever-increasing access to worldwide communications. The ownership also has shown, on several occasions, to have the gift of foresight. I am confident that the firm's leadership will be able to complete this project on time, within budget and subsequently meet the program's goals.

Personally, I am pleased to see that GTI is taking the steps necessary to increase the value of internet connections for my customers. At Jersey State Bank, we are constantly being challenged to provide more and more electronic products to our customer base in order to remain competitive. The improvements that GTI have planned regarding this connectivity program will significantly add to our ability to grow by allowing the Bank to expand its menu of products and services that are supported by their state of the art service. In addition, once completed, this project will, not only, improve the overall connections for our customers, it could provide additional job opportunities for the entire County.

I trust that it is apparent that I am excited about this opportunity and look forward to continuing to work with GTI to implement a successful project. The bottom line is that with this grant, GTI has the ability to positively impact the lives of residents – young and old- throughout Jersey County. Please give your full consideration to supporting GTI with this worthwhile project and should you have any comments, questions or need additional information, don't hesitate to contact me at Jersey State Bank.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Lawrence W. Anderson'.

Lawrence W. Anderson, President & CEO