Sample Letter to Political Representative

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Dear [YOUR POLITICAL REPRESENTATIVE],

I am writing to ask your leadership with obtaining broadband carriers in our county. The lack of broadband infrastructure in rural southern communities has created significant barriers to educational opportunities, maintain familial relations virtually, access to faith-based services, online voter registration, and access to healthcare.

According to a **recent report** by the Federal Communications Commission found that nearly **20% of rural southern communities lack access to broadband internet.** This digital divide affects African American rural communities in southern parts of the state at **two times** the rate it affects White rural communities. Many of these households **lack reliable access to the internet and are unable to participate** fully in online learning, telehealth services, or remote work.

As a constituent and concerned citizen, I urge you to take action to address this critical issue. Specifically, I urge you to **support the Reforming Broadband Connectivity Act** to fund policy initiatives that will expand broadband infrastructure to unserved and underserved areas, **especially in southern Black rural communities.** Additionally, I urge you to work with your colleagues in the state legislature to **address barriers to broadband deployment**, such as burdensome regulations and lack of coordination between state agencies.

We deserve the same services that most other Americans have. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. I look forward to your response and actions on this important issue.

Sincerely,

[YOUR NAME]