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To: [Secretary, Board](#)
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To Whom It May Concern,

Don't approve the Altice/ Service Electric acquisition without requiring that Altice supply broadband for all of Knowlton, Columbia, Blairstown, Hardwick, Hope and Frelinghuysen.

As residents of Frelinghuysen we're only 75 miles from NYC - but it's like we live in a third world country! I do realize that we may have some complete roads that do not have cable service, but I wanted to bring it to your attention that we live at 170 Mill Road in Frelinghuysen and our house is the only house on our side of the tracks without cable. We had contacted the provider when we moved in 3 years ago and found that cable is in fact on our road, but stops at my neighbor's house. Us being the last house on this side of the old railroad, they had no interest in extending the line without some major money being involved. They quoted us \$5,000 just to start with permits and told us we would most likely have to pay to have every telephone pole on the road replaced to get cable continued down the road at a total cost to me well over \$15,000.

My wife is a special education teacher who was thrown into distance learning and it has been more than a challenge. Using our Verizon DSL internet has made this an almost impossible task for her. She had to leave our home every week and spend hours in a garage adhering to social distancing with relatives putting together prerecorded video lessons because it is impossible to do live video lessons with her students. Even uploading videos to google meet, google classroom, and YouTube has been a real problem and her students are receiving choppy and blotchy videos. She works with students that have severe disabilities and it was challenging to meet their needs in this way.

As for myself I am a project engineer and am responsible for many large Colleges, data centers, hospitals, and schools HVAC web based systems. The DSL internet is not holding up to this task, and my wife cannot provide her students with the live video feed that is requested of her.

I also failed to mention that we do not have cell service at our house either, so we rely on a Verizon provided 3g repeater that works off the internet line. This is a very hit or miss solution as making a cell phone call is near impossible, it really only works for text messaging.

TV is limited because of broadband speed. We can barely stream any online video subscriptions.

Don't allow this shortfall to continue. The education of children in the area and the capacity for higher wages in the area completely depend on you taking a hard stance on infrastructure improvements. I pay \$80/month for substandard Verizon DSL that is completely unreliable and inconsistent. This time of working from home has opened my eyes to see how important faster

internet is in homes. It is no longer a luxury it is a necessity.

Kind Regards,

Darrin and Christeen Matuszewicz

Frelinghuysen Township Residents