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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the BroadbandMT 2024 Showcase in downtown Billings. Montana is one of the largest states in the country and with low population density, having reliable telecommunications services is crucial. Effective broadband acts as the bridge that connects folks in every corner of the state.

It's no secret that one of the things that connects us all is our shared Montana way of life. Our profound connection to our public lands and abundant natural resources makes us proud to call Montana home. Amidst our big sky, rolling hills, lush forests, wide open spaces and glacial peaks, reliable broadband connectivity serves as a virtual thread woven throughout the fabric of our communities from Eureka to Ekalaka and everywhere in between.

As we look ahead, it's clear that innovative technological opportunities can help advance our Montana way of life. Following the passage of my bipartisan "Endless Frontier Act," Montana was recently selected as a Regional Tech Hub by the Economic Development Administration and will receive funds to invest in our technology sector to create good-paying jobs and boost the economy. Bolstering our economic bandwidth will strengthen the bonds that connect us all and help safeguard our treasured way of life.

I am proud to see BroadbandMT serve Montanans with their continued investment in a robust telecommunications infrastructure system that will keep us all connected. God bless and keep up the good work.

Sincerely,



Steve Daines
United States Senator