

Dear Library Director,

I am writing to you to announce my “Connect All Nebraska Libraries” initiative. My office will be working with the Nebraska Broadband Office, the Nebraska Department of Transportation, the Nebraska Library Commission, and the Nebraska Public Service Commission to leverage federal and state funds towards this effort.

Together, we will work with libraries across the state to encourage participation in federal and state funding programs that can provide new fiber deployments and reduce the cost of ongoing broadband internet connectivity. Our goal is to complete this whole effort in just a few short years.

You can help by providing comments in the Nebraska E-Rate Program NUSF-117 docket by submitting comments at [this link](#). Initial comments may be filed on or before Friday, May 26 and reply comments may be filed on or before Friday, June 16 by email to [psc.nusf-filings@nebraska.gov](mailto:psc.nusf-filings@nebraska.gov). After this comment period, additional information will be provided to libraries on next steps.

Libraries fulfill an important role for Nebraskans by giving citizens access to knowledge. For many communities, libraries serve as a hub for patrons, connecting them to information, ideas, and the community. Together, we can help libraries get connected to high-speed internet so they can better serve Nebraska residents and communities.

Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim Pillen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jim Pillen

Governor