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**Senator Linwood Lewis  
Delegate Keith Hodges  
Virginia General Assembly**

Dear Senator Lewis and Delegate Hodges,

We are writing on behalf of the Mathews Broadband Advisory Board. Our mission is to collect data, report to the BOS and advocate for reliable, accessible, affordable, universal broadband service with speeds no less than 26 mbps upload and 3 mbps download in our community. We request your support in two venues: passage of bills that provide support and funding for rural broadband and direct involvement and support for you own constituents.

We respectfully request your support for the implementation of the Statewide Emergency Telehealth Plan and the funding for said plan. ( HB 1332) Since it is very difficult to follow the bills as they move through the General Assembly, we further request your passage of and funding for bills that will further support rural broadband coverage for Mathews County.

Because most counties in your districts were not included in the awarding of Virginia Telecommunications Initiative grants in 2018 and 2019, we urge you to support Mathews County in our 2020 application. Please support our valiant efforts to obtain broadband in any way you can. Your home area has been left out!

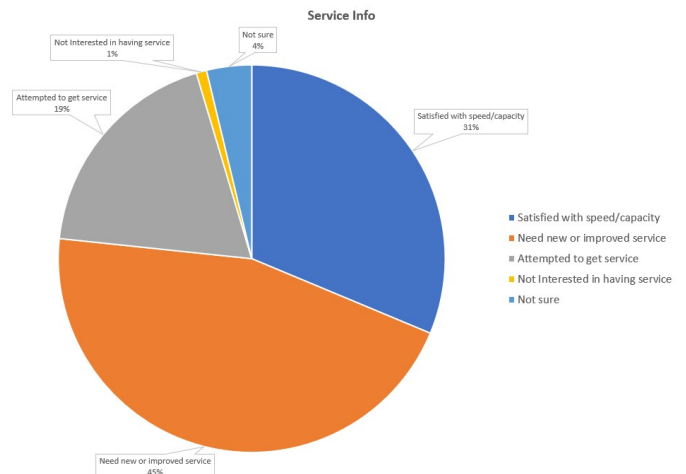
We have compiled the data from our recent countywide survey. The pie chart below reflects some of the information that has been gleaned. As you can see, we are very under-served. Our goal is to bring better service to this population so that they and their families may improve the quality of their lives from access to improving education, to working from home, to creating businesses that will provide further revenue for the county. We are also an aging community and health concerns are utmost in our minds especially when trying to acquire telemedicine services.

Anecdotal information from survey responses ranged from connection costs that are prohibitive for most of our residents (up to \$50,000.00) to an elderly citizen who did not have broadband, did not want it, did not need it, however, she was willing to pay \$20.00/month to help the county with this effort.

*Sincerely,  
Judy Rowe, Chair  
Mathews Broadband Ad-  
visory Board*

**I would like to add my  
support to this letter.**

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**GRAY, 19% ATTEMPTED TO GET SERVICE;  
ORANGE, 45% NEED NEW OR IMPROVED SERVICE**