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July 10, 2020

The Honorable Asa Hutchinson  
Governor of Arkansas  
State Capitol Building, Room 250  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Governor Hutchinson:

I am writing in support of the proposal submitted by Arkansas PBS (ARPBS) to the Arkansas CARES Act Steering Committee. It is my understanding ARPBS has proposed using federal funds from the CARES Act to expand their network of towers to increase their broadcast signal from 76% of the state to nearly 97%.

As you are probably aware, one of the challenges the Delta faces is lack of broadband. Additionally, the Delta is dependent on the Memphis radio and television market for news and information. ARPBS's expansion into our area will allow stay-at-home students to access educational learning packages provided by their programming that would otherwise be unavailable. The service that ARPBS provides helps to narrow that gap. I urge you to approve this request; it will make an immediate and daily difference to the people of the Delta.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith M. Ingram".

Keith M. Ingram  
Senate Minority Leader  
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cc: Ms. Elizabeth Thomas Smith, Chair - Arkansas CARES Act Steering Committee