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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Jasper County Launches Initiative to Better Understand Broadband Gaps

Jasper County, MO – August 21, 2023 – The Jasper County Commission has launched an initiative to identify broadband connectivity needs across the County by initiating a county-wide Broadband Gap Study. This study's results will help inform the County's future broadband strategy for helping to improve internet access and connectivity for its residents, businesses, farms, and institutions.

A critical component of the Broadband Gap Study is public input, so the Commission is requesting the public's help to spread the word about this study. The Commission would like to understand how residents and businesses in our area access and use the Internet and document where significant needs exist. The citizen's (residential or business) response to this survey is anonymous and serves as a critical aspect in documenting the current state of internet connectivity (or lack thereof) and identifying future needs across the County. The survey results will be used to inform and shape the Gap Study and significantly influence decisions regarding investments to expand internet access across Jasper County.

The Commission needs to hear from the public starting now. You can help the County by clicking the following links to complete a brief online survey about your internet access:

- [Residents Click Here](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CQK5PQ9) or go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CQK5PQ9>
- [Businesses Click Here](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CQDQZ7T) or go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CQDQZ7T>

For further information about Jasper County's broadband initiative, please contact Terri Benford at [tbenford@jaspercountymo.gov](mailto:tbenford@jaspercountymo.gov).

This Press Release with links to the survey sites and some frequently asked questions can be found on the Jasper County website: [jaspercountymo.gov](http://jaspercountymo.gov).