

**Telecommunication creates efficiencies when agency workers serving Northwest Wisconsin communities can live in proximity to the area they are responsible covering.**

## **THE CITIZENS OF NORTHWEST WISCONSIN REQUEST**

The state utilizes telecommunication advancements to encourage state agency workers who serve Northwest Wisconsin to live in the communities they serve.

## **BACKGROUND**

Advancements in telecommunication technology provide an opportunity for state employees to work closer to the rural populations they serve. These relocations can create efficiencies for the state by accessing an educated job force in Northwestern Wisconsin where the median income is 20% lower than Madison.

Today's workforce population, especially graduates in the last 15 years, possess advanced skills in technological innovation. The expansion of broadband internet into rural areas provides state employees the ability to access computer networks, share files and communicate instantly with additional computer networks throughout the state and across the country. Locating state agency positions closer to their client base creates efficiencies by reducing travel budgets, time lost traveling and incidental costs related to travel. These professional jobs also have a significant impact on local economies.

We are confident that the effective use of telecommunication can create a win-win situation for both rural communities in Northwest Wisconsin and state employees who would like to live and work in Northwest Wisconsin.

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