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## **Shorman speaks to the Senate Utilities Committee**

January 25, 2011 (Hays, Kansas)- Eagle Communications President Gary Shorman testified Monday in Topeka before the Kansas Senate Utilities Committee.

His comments focused on the adoption of the state's broadband initiatives and recommended that available resources are used to reach un-served Kansans vs. providing competitive service to existing private providers. "Wasting money to overbuild existing providers is wrong," he explained. "It will cost jobs and will jeopardize private investment in our state."

Shorman also encouraged the committee to focus on strategies, which will promote and encourage the use of broadband by minimal and non-users. This would include adult training through educational institutions to help new users learn effective uses of the Internet and provide needed funding at those schools.

In addition, he asked for more transparency of governmental funding before providing additional funding opportunities. "Layer upon layer of governmental funding through multiple sources creates financial waste at a time where we as Kansans need every dollar to be spent wisely," Shorman told the committee.

Eagle Communications, Inc. is a Kansas-based Broadband Services and Media Company with over 250 employee-owners. The company operates 25 radio stations in Kansas, Nebraska, and Missouri as well as cable TV systems in 32 Kansas and Colorado communities. The company also offers e-business solutions, web hosting, telephone service, high-speed Internet, and wireless Internet in most service areas. For more information log on to <http://www.myeaglecom.net>.

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