



April 17, 2024

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
United States House of Representatives
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson,

In the nearly three years since the establishment of the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, millions of American households have received aid from the ACP to access affordable broadband and participate in the 21st century economy. Without the monthly benefit the ACP provides, many Americans will lose access to distance learning, telemedicine, the online marketplace, and the numerous benefits that high-speed internet provides in everyday life.

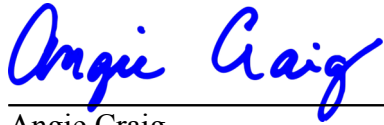
We are disappointed that despite the incredible impact on the 23 million households¹ that have enrolled across the country, House Republican Leadership has blocked any consideration of the funding it needs to keep running, pushing us towards the program's extinction. At a time of rising costs, Republican Leadership refuses to support this critical program that saves communities money. If Congress does not provide additional funding, April is the last month the full ACP benefit will be provided, and, in May, households will see changes in their bill. More than three-quarters of ACP-enrolled households could either experience a disruption or lose access to the internet entirely.² We cannot let this happen.

As New Dems, we are committed to fighting to lower everyday costs for Americans; letting the ACP lapse will lead to a direct increase in broadband costs for consumers. We reaffirm our call to House Republicans to deliver for the American people and provide the ACP with the funding it needs without delay. In January 2024, the bipartisan, bicameral Affordable Connectivity Program Extension Act was introduced, and, if adopted, would provide an additional \$7 billion for the ACP. This Act has broad support, including over 224 co-sponsors. We stand ready and willing to partner with you and the Republican Conference to keep Americans connected to the internet.

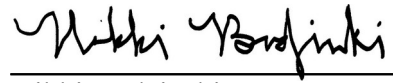
Sincerely,

¹ [“Fact Sheet: As Affordable Connectivity Program Hits Milestone of Providing Affordable High-Speed Internet to 23 Million Households Nationwide, Biden-Harris Administration Calls on Congress to Extend Its Funding.”](#) *The White House*, 6 Feb. 2024

² [“The Impact and Importance of the Affordable Connectivity Program.”](#) BSG.



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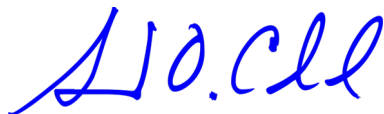
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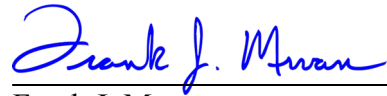
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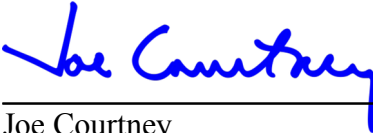
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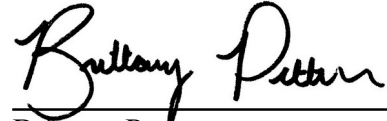
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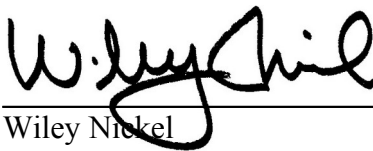
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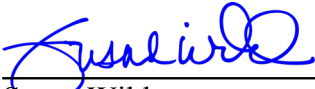
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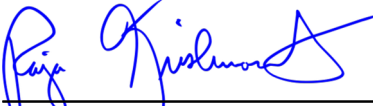
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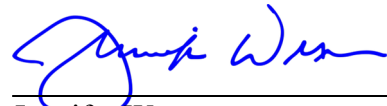
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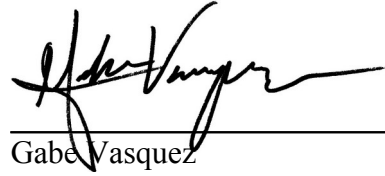
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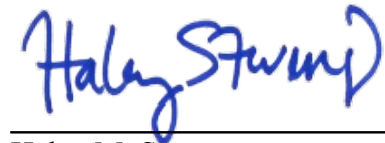
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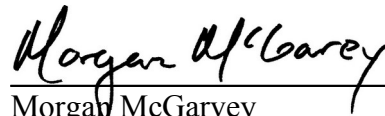
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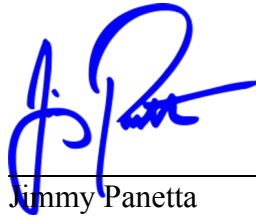
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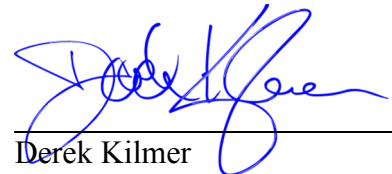
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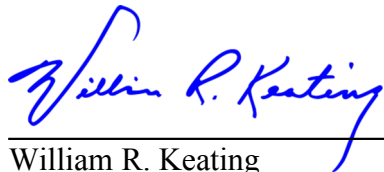
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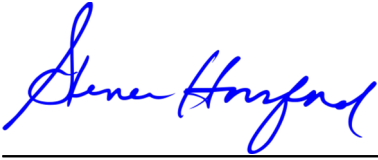
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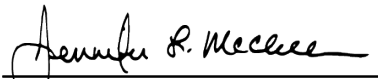
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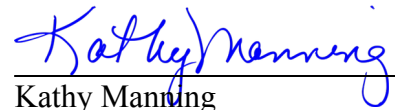
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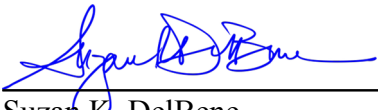
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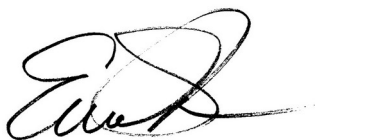
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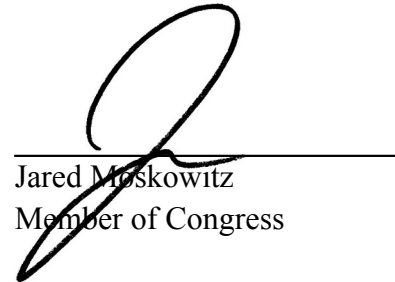
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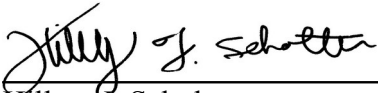
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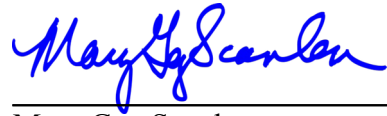
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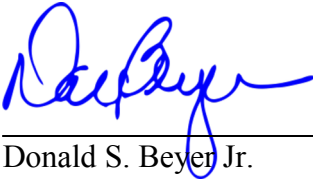
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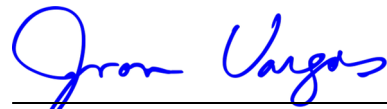
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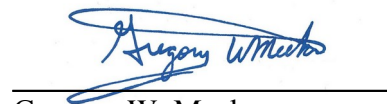
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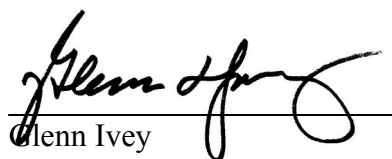
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