The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Speaker of the House United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Kevin McCarthy Minority Leader United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell Majority Leader United States Senate Washington, DC 20510 The Honorable Chuck Schumer Minority Leader United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Majority Leader McConnell, Minority Leader McCarthy, and Minority Leader Schumer,

We, the undersigned, urge you to support access to affordable broadband internet in forthcoming COVID-19 stimulus package(s). Tens of millions of Americans don't have broadband internet at home. Low-income families, rural residents, and people of color are particularly affected, leaving our most vulnerable communities struggling to stay connected with school, work, healthcare, entertainment, and their loved ones during the COVID-19 crisis.

To make matters worse, more than 26 million Americans and counting have lost their jobs due to the pandemic, and millions more have likely had their hours and pay reduced. These individuals may struggle to pay their broadband bills -- if broadband is available to them at all.

During a time when communication tools have never been more critical, and unemployment has never been so high, Congress must enact policies to ensure that everyone has broadband internet. Broadband is crucial for keeping residents home, safe, and as connected with everyday life as possible during these trying times. Broadband enables people to work remotely, access medical care, and apply for government benefits. As all levels of education and training transition online for the foreseeable future, reliable internet access is essential for students to be successful. Perhaps most importantly, broadband allows residents who are isolated during the COVID-19 pandemic to stay informed, entertained, and connected with loved ones while protecting public health.

Like food, water, and electricity, everyone needs broadband internet service during this unprecedented crisis. That is why Congress must include policies that support broadband availability, including increased funding for adoption, network sustainability, and deployment for areas still lacking access, in upcoming stimulus packages.

Sincerely,

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Association for Career and Technical Education

Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents

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Common Sense Media

Communications Workers of America

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National Consumer Law Center, on behalf of its low-income clients

National Cristina Foundation

National Digital Inclusion Alliance

National Hispanic Media Coalition

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National Queer Asian Pacific Islander Alliance (NQAPIA)

National Skills Coalition

National Summer Learning Association

National Urban League

Native Public Media, Inc.

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Oregon Citizens' Utility Board

Palmetto Care Connections

Partners Bridging the Digital Divide

PCs for People Baltimore

Pennsylvania Mountains Healthcare Resource Development

Pennsylvania Utility Law Project, on behalf of our low income clients

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Project Appleseed

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R Street Institute

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Schuylkill Women in Crisis

South Carolina Office of Rural Health

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State Educational Technology Directors Association

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Providence Public Library

PSTV - Education Channel of the School District of Philadelphia

Sonoma County Library

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State Higher Education Executive Officers Association

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