

AMERICAN CONNECTION PROJECT

ABOUT US

American Connection Project Broadband Coalition

The American Connection Project Broadband Coalition represents more than 140 companies and organizations who are working together to bring high-speed internet access to all Americans. The coalition understands that digital connectivity is not a luxury, but rather is a lifeline for education, health, modern food production and economic growth. Drawing from their cross-sector expertise and experience in rural communities, the members are making private investments to bridge the digital divide while advocating at the state and federal levels for permanent solutions. More information can be found at americanconnectionproject.com.

WHO WE ARE

Our Members

This coalition convenes an incredibly diverse group of stakeholders. The group represents companies and organizations from many sectors and geographies across the United States and beyond—including agriculture, health care and technology as well as education and energy. The coalition is continually adding members who share a desire to connect the country.

Together, we are advocating to bring high-speed internet infrastructure to areas that do not have service today. In addition to advocating

for policies, members are contributing their own resources to facilitate remote education, health and mental health services, job opportunities and more, with the goal of connecting and lifting up all American communities through access to modern digital technology.

We believe broadband connectivity is an enabler to help solve critical issues facing our country, such as climate change, better education access for students and families, and jobs and economic opportunities in rural communities.

WHAT WE DO

Coalition Priorities

1

Increased funding

Federal funding of at least \$80 billion is needed to fill the gap in poor infrastructure, an investment supported by both FCC and USDA reports.

2

Better mapping

More accurate and granular reporting of broadband coverage data is necessary to highlight service gaps and efficiently deploy scarce government resources to the areas that need it most. The Broadband DATA Act is a great start to address this problem, and Congress and the federal agencies should swiftly implement this law.

3

Coordination

Stronger government coordination must occur at the federal level, as well as with states and localities, to effectively deploy these limited resources. We support efforts to provide leadership and coordination across the executive branch in the federal government, to position our country as a technology leader, ensure our economic competitiveness and maintain strong national security.

4

Expanding telehealth access

We support the continued expansion of telehealth access, with an emphasis on quality and equity, so that patients can continue to receive the right care at the right time in the right setting.

WHAT WE'VE DONE

Accomplishments



April 15, 2020 | A letter from the original five members of the coalition to all 50 of the nation's governors in mid-April



April 2020 | Land O'Lakes, Inc. and many of its rurally located retail-owners begin to offer free and open Wi-Fi access to local citizens outside more than 140 of their company locations, manufacturing facilities, along with other businesses in 19 states

June 16, 2020 | A telehealth letter to the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee leadership



July 8, 2020 | In conjunction with our July launch, submitted a letter from the coalition to the president and congressional leadership

June 25, 2020 | A letter that we helped coordinate with 11 of the nation's governors to the president and congressional leadership



October 20, 2020 | American Connection Project organizations launch an interactive tool for users to locate new, free public Wi-Fi now available at more than 2,800 locations in 49 states



January 28, 2021 | A letter to President Biden and congressional leadership calling for immediate action to enact groundbreaking broadband connectivity legislation and to continue the advances we have made in telehealth

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