

# BROAD SUPPORT FOR THE AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM EXTENSION ACT

The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) Extension Act would provide \$7 billion in new funding for a program that plays a critical role in driving both broadband access *and* adoption. The bill has garnered widespread support from key stakeholders, including advocates for rural economic development, seniors organizations, free-market thought leaders and industry leaders. See what they are saying about the ACP Extension Act:

## Rural Advocates



*"ACP is a key part of making sure broadband is affordable for all Americans. We support the introduction of the ACP Extension Act and look forward to working with policymakers on both passage and the development of a long-term solution to ACP viability."*

– Derrick Owens, WTA

## Seniors Organizations



*"AARP, which advocates for more than 100 million Americans age 50 and older, is pleased to endorse the Affordable Connectivity Extension Act of 2024. Your legislation would ensure the Affordable Connectivity Program has the funding needed to help tens of millions of households continue to afford high-speed internet."*

– Bill Sweeney, AARP

## Free-Market Thought Leaders



*"The ACP could be the diamond-in-the-rough program. It is tech-neutral, vouchered, and efficient. Republicans should prioritize and maintain the broadband program we need to ensure Americans can connect and stay connected to the digital economy."*

– Jonathan Cannon, R Street Institute

## Industry Leaders



*"NTCA thanks Senators Welch, Vance, Rosen and Cramer and Representatives Clarke and Fitzpatrick and their colleagues for introducing the ACP Extension Act, which will provide funds that are essential to the ongoing mission of bridging the digital divide."*

– Shirley Bloomfield, NTCA

*"The Affordable Connectivity Program has been a huge driver for deployment and has connected millions of households across the country. With the program in danger of running out of funding by early next year, we wholeheartedly support this piece of legislation to ensure it continues. Connectivity should not be a partisan issue; we urge all Members of Congress to recognize the immense value that connectivity brings not only to individuals but to our society as a whole and swiftly fund this program."*

– Angie Kronenberg, INCOMPAS