



October 31, 2023

Chairwoman Kay Granger  
House Appropriations Committee  
2308 Rayburn HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro  
House Appropriations Committee  
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Washington, D.C. 20515

Chairwoman Patty Murray  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
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Washington, D.C. 20510

Vice Chair Susan Collins  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
413 Dirksen SOB  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairwoman Granger, Chairwoman Murray, Ranking Member DeLauro, and Vice Chair Collins,

On October 25, 2023, President Biden submitted a request to Congress for emergency supplemental funding for key domestic priorities, including \$6 billion to extend the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). **As advocates of affordable internet, we strongly urge you, at a minimum, to support this request for short term funding to ensure that the ACP is able to continue through the end of 2024.**

Over 21 million households have enrolled in the ACP, and, without additional funding, families across the country are at risk of being disconnected. Internet access is [essential to ensuring that every American can benefit](#) fully from educational resources, healthcare services, and job opportunities. Our [research](#) also found that ACP helps extend BEAD dollars to ensure that these resources are maximized to reach as many households as possible. States are relying on the ACP to meet BEAD's affordability requirements; in fact, [Louisiana and Virginia's plans, which require participation in the ACP, have already been approved by NTIA](#). As states complete their plans for BEAD, the ACP will be critical to ensuring every home and business in America has affordable high-speed internet. **Congress has an opportunity to ensure funding so that the ACP doesn't lapse, imperiling these important investments in broadband infrastructure.**

According to our [analysis](#), the ACP is on track to run out of funding in Q2 of 2024. President Biden's request will ensure that the program continues to meet its obligations through the end of 2024. Moreover, this funding gives Congress, the FCC, and advocates additional time to develop and implement a long-term funding mechanism.

We know you have many competing funding priorities before the end of the year, but the ACP is an essential component of America's economic growth, workforce development, and innovation. Allowing funding to lapse would be a great disservice to families who rely on the funding to access vital services and resources.

**We strongly urge you to support additional funding for the ACP. The President's request to Congress is a critical step in the right direction, but we must continue our efforts to make the ACP and internet affordability permanent.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Steyer". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Jim Steyer  
Founder and CEO  
Common Sense Media

cc: Rep. Mike Johnson, Speaker of the House  
cc: Rep. Hakeem Jeffries, House Minority Leader  
cc: Sen. Chuck Schumer, Senate Majority Leader  
cc: Sen. Mitch McConnell, Senate Minority Leader