

With digital equity, we all win. NDIA supports solutions to prevent and rectify any form of digital discrimination, regardless of whether it was caused by intentional discriminatory activities or ostensibly neutral decisions. As expressed by some respondents in the report, focusing on discriminatory intent preserves the status quo while undermining the experiences of those subject to discrimination.

Although increased communication between internet service providers, local governments, and community members may lead to a greater understanding of the challenges individuals face in obtaining affordable, high quality broadband, it has shown to be insufficient in preventing and eliminating digital discrimination. Collaborative and voluntary approaches may supplement enforceable policy solutions, but it cannot supplant them.

We deeply appreciated the opportunity to contribute perspectives from the NDIA community to the development of this report, and look forward to continuing this discussion.