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Subject: Chairwoman Letter to Congress re: ACP Funding

Greetings from the Federal Communications Commission.

FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel again stressed the urgency of providing additional funding for the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) before funding is officially exhausted by the end of May, and participating households can no longer receive any ACP benefit. The FCC had already announced that April would be the last month households could receive an applicable \$30 discount, and in May some households could continue to receive an up-to-\$14 discount if their provider opted into offering a partial discount during the final month of the program. Chairwoman Rosenworcel's letter again highlighted that the end of the ACP would have broad consequences nationwide, and how its end could impact other broadband deployment efforts that the federal government has heavily invested in, like the Commerce Department's Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program.

Links to FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel's Letter to Congress as well as a recent FCC Press Release can be found below:

- Press Release: <u>CHAIRWOMAN ROSENWORCEL ALERTS CONGRESS OF FINAL MONTH OF FUNDING FOR AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM</u>
- Final Letter to Congress: <u>Chairwoman Final Update to Congress on Affordable Connectivity</u>
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We continue to monitor several short and long term funding vehicles currently in front of Congress. The Commission stands ready to work with Congress to help prevent the over 23 million households enrolled nationwide from experiencing a lapse in their internet service coverage.

We would like to also remind our outreach partners and consumers of various ACP Wind Down related resources that are available, to include Fact Sheets and Frequently Asked Questions, at: www.fcc.gov/acp.

Thank you for your continued commitment for the extension of the ACP to ensure this program keeps going as millions of households will now face rising bills and increasing disconnection beginning this month.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the Office of Native Affairs and Policy (ONAP) at Native@fcc.gov.

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