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Dear Members of Congress,

As stakeholders in the broadband industry representing businesses across all 50 states that provide service to your constituents, we strongly urge you to vote YES on H.R. 3684, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

Next week's vote on the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act is a defining moment for our country and will benefit all Americans today and generations into the future.

Many of us take reliable internet service for granted. We rely on it for work, for school, to pay our bills, and to provide entertainment. Yet today, somewhere between 20 and 40 million people in the United States do not have broadband access. This lack of connectivity has consequences in every aspect of their lives- preventing them from being able to access information, opportunities, and connections with loved ones.

The \$65 billion for broadband in this legislation is a gamechanger. It contains critical funding for individuals that lack broadband access everywhere, from a family living in a big city who is currently not able to afford internet service to a family living in a rural town who has no internet access because the infrastructure does not exist where they live yet. This bill addresses both situations and empowers governments at all levels to collaborate with industry to effectively make the necessary investments in these communities.

We appreciate your consideration and leadership as we work toward building the critical broadband infrastructure that will deliver new jobs, economic development, on-line education, remote healthcare and most importantly, digital equity.

Thank you,

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