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To whom it may concern,

Internet access today is as critical as in-home phone access, and likely more so. Nearly every facet of life is managed or accessed by some web portal/site. Not to forget the necessary access for students, it provides a bridge into a home to communicate and participate in the modern world.

As someone that received SSD and lives on a fixed income, extending the Lifeline program to internet service serves as a benefit to community. Too often, lower income families must decide between food, electric bills or other utility services. Internet access and full participation in said internet is required to be a fully functioning member of our society.

With so few providers and often only ONE provider in an area, the discount Lifeline would provide would often make the difference between access or being relegated to steerage class citizen in these modern times. I fully support and encourage the extension of Lifeline access to internet services.

Regards,

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