

Please accept these comments in opposition to the removal of broadband subsidies for low-income end-users.

In these times when so much public information is available primarily - or exclusively - online, reliable, high-speed access to the internet is an important requirement to active participation in democracy. It is a requirement for something as lowly and bureaucratic as submitting this comment to the FCC. At the same time, broadband infrastructure is expensive to build and expensive to operate, and so the cost of broadband internet access can be quite high.

In the interest of encouraging participation with the democratic process, the FCC must not withdraw or otherwise curtail its broadband internet subsidies to low-income end-users.

Likewise, participation with the economy often requires having access to high-speed internet access. It would be fair to compare broadband internet access with access to a car or other motor vehicle. Without safe, reliable access to high-speed internet access, a person's interaction with the economy is restricted to that with which they can interact at the local level, curtailing a person's ability to meaningfully influence the market by using their income to meet their needs. When people cannot use their money in the way most efficient to their uses, everyone suffers.

In the interest of encouraging and fostering efficient interaction with the nation's economy, the FCC must not withdraw or otherwise curtail its broadband internet subsidies to low-income end-users.