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The Honorable Mike Gallagher
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Dear Members of Wisconsin's Congressional Delegation:

As Governor of Wisconsin, I urge you to support federal investments in programs and efforts to expand access to affordable high-speed internet in Wisconsin, including extending the life of the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). ACP is critically important to thousands of families and households across every Wisconsin congressional district. Continuing this program is essential to advancing our efforts to end the digital divide and ensure all Wisconsinites have access to affordable, reliable high-speed internet.

Created and funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, ACP provides a monthly credit to help low-income households pay for broadband services. As more and more elements of daily life shift online, like health care, school, and work, equitable broadband access is more important than ever. More than 400,000 households in Wisconsin are currently enrolled in ACP, meaning ACP saves enrolled households over $12 million per month.[1] Despite its success, ACP is expected to run out of funding as soon as April 2024, in which case this important lifeline for Wisconsinites would end.[2] The lack of state-level investment made by Republicans through the most recent biennial budget makes your support for federal high-speed internet investments even more critical.

[1] https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Wisconsin-ACP-Fact-Sheet.pdf
[2] https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DOC-399614A1.pdf

Under my administration, we have made important progress in expanding broadband availability and access, awarding $345 million in state and federal funding, including the largest investment in Wisconsin's history, bringing new or improved internet service to more than 395,000 homes and businesses. As the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin continues to implement the historic investment in broadband expansion through the federal BEAD program and Wisconsin's over $1 billion allocation, allowing ACP to end could mean Wisconsin will fall even further behind. I ask you to partner with me in supporting federal investments for affordable, reliable, high-speed internet access for all Wisconsinites. Thank you for your work on behalf of the state of Wisconsin.

Respectfully yours in service,



Tony Evers
Governor