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**FCC CHAIRWOMAN UPDATES CONGRESS ON IMPACT OF
IMMINENT END OF AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM
DUE TO LACK OF ADDITIONAL CONGRESSIONAL
APPROPRIATIONS**

***One in Six Households Across the Country Rely on ACP for Broadband Connectivity
and Are at Risk of Losing Their Connectivity***

WASHINGTON, April 2, 2024—In a [letter](#) to congressional leaders, FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel again urged immediate action before the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) ends and participating households can no longer receive the ACP benefit. If Congress does not provide additional funding, April is the last month the full ACP benefit will be provided, and in May households will see changes in their bill. Chairwoman Rosenworcel’s letter highlighted that the end of the ACP would have broad consequences nationwide, including a special impact on senior citizens, veterans, school children, and residents of rural and Tribal communities.

“Today, more than 23 million households nationwide count on [the ACP] to get online and stay online, including vulnerable seniors, veterans, school-aged children, and residents of rural and Tribal communities,” **wrote Chairwoman Rosenworcel**. “Absent additional funding from Congress, the program will close. The impending loss of the ACP benefit, which has provided qualifying households \$30 in monthly support for broadband and up to \$75 in support for households on Tribal lands, is not trivial... ACP households across the country are now facing hard choices about what expenses they have to cut, including food and gas, to maintain their broadband access, with some households doubtful they can afford to keep their broadband service at all.”

Due to the lack of additional funding, the Federal Communications Commission began taking steps in January 2024 to wind down the ACP. This month, ACP households will receive more notices from their providers and the ACP administrator about the imminent end of the benefit and changes to their bill. These notices are needed to help ACP households avoid service disruption and bill shock following the loss of the ACP discount on their monthly bill.

In January 2024, the bipartisan, bicameral Affordable Connectivity Program Extension Act was introduced, and if adopted would provide an additional \$7 billion for the ACP. This Act has broad support, including over 215 co-sponsors, and was recently endorsed by the bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus.

“To fully participate in the digital age economy, every household needs access to broadband....We have come too far to allow this successful effort to promote internet access for all to end,” **concluded Rosenworcel**.

The full letter from Chairwoman Rosenworcel is available at:
<https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DOC-401562A1.pdf>.

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