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# The Affordable Connectivity Program Needs Your Help to Stay Afloat in 2024

**Santa Fe, NM** — The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) has successfully connected over 21 million households to affordable internet since its inception. The ACP has been a beacon of accessibility, empowering individuals and families across the country to stay connected, access educational resources, and participate in the digital economy. The positive impact of the ACP on communities is immeasurable, fostering inclusivity and leveling the playing field for all.

While celebrating this achievement, ACP is facing an imminent challenge-- the ACP is expected to run out of funds in early 2024. This realization underscores the urgency to secure its renewal and sustain the positive momentum achieved.

The ACP enjoys broad bipartisan support, including backing from Congress. Organizations such as EducationSuperHighway and partners in the broadband space have been tirelessly advocating for ACP renewal, recognizing its pivotal role in shaping a connected and equitable future.

How You Can Support ACP Renewal:

### **Share Your Story:**

Individuals are urged to share personal stories highlighting the impact of the ACP. Whether it's aiding in accessing educational resources, finding employment, or connecting with loved ones, each story contributes to showcasing the everyday significance of the program. The EducationSuperHighway story collection form provides a quick and accessible platform for sharing. You can also message The New Mexico Office of Broadband Access and Expansion on their Facebook page to share your story

### **Leave a Message for Your Representatives and Senators:**

Calling representatives and senators remains an effective advocacy method. Lawmakers closely monitor constituent input, and voicemails play a vital role in conveying community sentiments. The simplicity of expressing support for ACP renewal is key—identifying oneself as a constituent and urging lawmakers to support the program is impactful.

The success of ACP renewal depends on the collective efforts of individuals, community organizations, and advocates. By actively participating in these advocacy actions, constituents can ensure that their voices are heard and contribute to securing the continuation of this essential program.

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