

ALA American Library Association

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Dear Honorable Senator,

On behalf of America's 117,000 libraries and the communities they serve, the American Library Association writes in support of the broadband provisions included in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Specifically, we are pleased to see the inclusion of the Digital Equity Act alongside the broadband deployment and affordability provisions. The desperate need to connect is constantly visible to our members, as the library is often the first and most reliable place ensuring that libraries and other anchor institutions are guaranteed future-proof gigabit broadband service, and to keep members of the community connected to the digital world.

Thank you for your commitment to closing the digital divide by ensuring libraries and other anchor institutions are equipped with the necessary resources to connect ALL of our communities.

Sincerely,

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Alan S. Inouye
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