

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3203

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Jessica Rosenworcel
Chairwoman
Federal Communications Commission
45 L Street NE
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairwoman Rosenworcel:

I write to urge the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to expeditiously release the Broadband Serviceable Location Fabric. Given the fast-approaching challenge submission deadline, any delay acquiring the fabric risks inhibiting the ability of local entities to assess the data, dispute inaccuracies, and identify unserved communities that are most in need.

Local partners have long been at the forefront of efforts to bridge the digital divide. Rural areas in particular often face a multitude of challenges, including a low population density, which dissuades private investment. Hence, access to the fabric is a key, preliminary step toward advancing the equitable deployment of broadband in high-cost, unserved areas.

I fought hard to include the historic investment to expand high-speed internet in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Fulfilling the statutory priorities requires that communities are able to quickly obtain the fabric and participate in the challenge process, which will better inform targeted investments of public funds nationwide.

Thank you for your efforts to deliver affordable, reliable, high-speed internet service to all Americans. I appreciate your swift attention and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator