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**CONSUMER AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS BUREAU ANNOUNCES SEMINAR: *HOW THE INTERNET CAN BENEFIT OLDER AMERICANS***

Washington, D.C. – The Federal Communications Commission’s (FCC) Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau will host a free Senior Digital Literacy Day seminar, *How the Internet Can Benefit Older Americans,* Wednesday, April 24, 2013 from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room at FCC headquarters at 445 12th Street SW, Washington D.C. 20554.

Seniors, and those who work with and/or care for seniors, are invited to attend and learn about how Broadband (high speed Internet services) can benefit older Americans. Panelists, including representatives from the FCC, communications companies and non-profit organizations will focus on the many ways the Internet can benefit seniors, with emphasis on its safe and secure use. The seminar will include interactive demonstrations of electronic devices, such as cell phones, tablets, iPads, desktops and e-readers, and user-friendly computer programs that can benefit Seniors. (See agenda below.)

This seminar is free and open to the public, and will be streamed live at [www.fcc.gov/live](http://www.fcc.gov/live).

Pre-registration is highly recommended for those wishing to attend in person. To pre-register for the event, please contact Susan Fisenne by e-mail at Susan.Fisenne@fcc.gov or by phone at 202-418-2502.

The closest Metro stops are the Smithsonian and the L’Enfant Plaza stops. There is also a public parking garage adjacent to the main entrance of the FCC on 12th Street. Please plan to arrive by 9 a.m. and bring a government-issued identification to go through Security.

Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities are available upon request. Please include a description of the accommodation needed. Individuals making such requests must include their contact information should FCC staff need to contact them for more information. Requests should be made as early as possible. Please send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau: 202.418.0530 (voice), 202.418.0432 (TTY).

For additional information about this event, please contact Anthony Butler by email: Anthony.Butler@fcc.gov or by phone: 202.418.2372.

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| Agenda |
|  9:30 am - 9:40 am  | Opening Remarks by FCC Commissioner Mignon Clyburn |
|  9:40 am - 9:55 am  | Top Tools for Older Adults: Four Strategies for Making the Most of BroadbandThomas Kamber, PhD, Executive Director, Older Adults Technology Services (OATS) |
|  9:55 am - 10:10 am  | Safety, Security, and Privacy Online: Tips and Tools for Older Adults Debra Berlyn, Executive Director, The Project to Get Older Americans onLine (GOAL)  |
| 10:10 am - 10:20 am | Questions and Answers |
| 10:20 am - 10:25 am | Video -- Connected Living Program to Get Seniors Online |
| 10:25 am - 10:30 am  | Remarks from Representatives of American Library Association and AARP |
| 10:30 am - 11:15 am | FCC’s Technology Experience Center and hands-on learning with the Geek Squad |
| 11:15 am - 11:45 am | Break |
| 11:45 am - 12:00 pm | Demonstrations by Telikin and First Street Computer Hardware |
| 12:00 pm - 12:15 pm  | Demonstration by MyGait Computer Software  |
| 12:15 pm - 12:30 pm | Closing Remarks |