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**COMMISSIONER SIMINGTON PARTICIPATES ON TIA
BROADBAND PANEL**

WASHINGTON, June 24, 2021—On Tuesday, FCC Commissioner Nathan Simington participated in a virtual panel hosted by The Telecommunications Industry Association entitled “Accelerating Access: Progress in expansion of US broadband services for consumers and enterprises”

Commissioner Simington stated:

“Accelerating access to broadband has never been so important. The COVID-19 pandemic laid bare the vast digital divide between urban and rural, and rich and poor communities across America. Never before has access to robust broadband been so crucial as we saw our schoolchildren sent home to distance learn and our office workers to telework. Most of those workers and schoolchildren relied upon the same broadband connection to conduct some of their most important business—their educations and livelihoods.”

Further information about the event may be found at:

<https://tia.6connex.us/event/virtualmeeting/register>

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