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**CHAIRWOMAN ROSENWORCEL ALERTS CONGRESS OF FINAL MONTH OF FUNDING FOR AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM**

***In a Final Letter to Congress, Rosenworcel Warns of the Nationwide Impact of the ACP's Official Wind Down at the End of May Absent Additional Funding***

WASHINGTON, May 1, 2024—In a final letter to congressional leaders, FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel again stressed the urgency of providing additional funding for the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) before funding is officially exhausted by the end of May, and participating households can no longer receive any ACP benefit. The FCC had already announced that April would be the last month households could receive an applicable \$30 discount, and in May some households could continue to receive an up-to-\$14 discount if their provider opted into offering a partial discount during the final month of the program. Chairwoman Rosenworcel's letter again highlighted that the end of the ACP would have broad consequences nationwide, and how its end could impact other broadband deployment efforts that the federal government has heavily invested in, like the Commerce Department's Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program.

“Additional funding from Congress is the only near-term solution for keeping the ACP going. If additional funding is not promptly appropriated, the one in six households nationwide that rely on this program will face rising bills and increasing disconnection,” **wrote Chairwoman Rosenworcel**. “If the ACP ends, we risk reversing the significant progress this program has made towards closing the digital divide. Over the past two years, households have come to rely on the ACP's monthly benefit to afford reliable and consistent access to broadband services necessary for education, work, and health care among other things.”

Due to the lack of additional funding, the Federal Communications Commission began taking steps in January 2024 to [wind down the ACP](#) and in March announced that April would be the final month that households receiving the full \$30 ACP discount and the applicable \$75 discount for Tribal households would see it reflected on their internet bills. ACP households may receive a partial ACP discount from their internet company in May 2024. After May 2024, if Congress does not provide additional funding, the ACP will run out of funding and ACP households will no longer receive the ACP benefit and the program must come to an end.

In addition to the changes in the ACP discount amounts for impacted households, the agency is spotlighting the following states and figures that illustrate the broad impact of the program, which communities may be most impacted, and the need to continue the program:

- **Total Household Increase in Program Enrollment Since Inception of the ACP:** 23 million households are enrolled—an increase of 14 million households or 157% since the program began on New Year's Eve 2021.

- **Top 10 States With Highest Participation Rates Among Eligible Households:** Ohio, Louisiana, Michigan, Nevada, Kentucky, New York, North Carolina, California, Oklahoma and Wisconsin
- **Top 10 States With Highest Percentage of Rural Enrollments:** Vermont, Mississippi, South Dakota, Wyoming, New Hampshire, Maine, Kentucky, West Virginia, Montana and Arkansas
- **Top 5 States With Highest Tribal Enrollments:** Oklahoma, Arizona, New Mexico, Alaska and South Dakota

In January 2024, the bipartisan, bicameral Affordable Connectivity Program Extension Act was introduced, and if adopted would provide an additional \$7 billion for the ACP. This Act has broad support, including more than 200 co-sponsors, and is endorsed by the bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus.

“Time is running out. Additional funding is needed immediately to avoid the disruption millions of ACP households that rely on this program for essential connectivity are already starting to experience. The Commission stands ready to assist Congress with any efforts to fully fund the ACP into the future,” **concluded Rosenworcel**.

The full letter from Chairwoman Rosenworcel is available at:

<https://www.fcc.gov/document/chairwoman-final-update-congress-affordable-connectivity-program>.

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