

# The FCC's Impressive Broadband Resume & Steps Congress Can Take to Connect All Americans

Today, the House Energy & Commerce Committee held an [oversight hearing](#) of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and its work to deploy essential broadband access across the country.

**Why it matters:** Private investment in America's broadband networks have enabled it to [lead the world](#) in network capacity despite the massive shift to online work, school, and commerce.

According to a Gallup [survey](#), the number of Americans telecommuting doubled from 31% in March 2020 to 62% in April. While networks in other countries needed traffic to be [slowed down](#) to prevent collapsing, the FCC's regulatory framework for the internet helped foster America's network resiliency.

**What's next:** The FCC can only do so much with its authority to bridge the digital divide. It's now time for Congress to step up and provide for urgent short-term needs like funding broadband mapping and helping disconnected students. Such necessary steps will equip Congress to meet the task of undertaking a robust national strategy to connect all Americans.

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