

Connecting All Americans

The problem: Over 18 million Americans lack access to high-speed broadband and others, due in part to COVID-19, are struggling to adopt internet access even when available.

The solution: The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Technology Engagement Center (C_TEC) offers some recommendations to connect all Americans, including:

- **Targeted funding for broadband access and adoption:** To increase access for unserved Americans in areas where broadband deployment is cost prohibitive.
- **Permit streamlining:** All levels of government should streamline permitting of communications infrastructure.
- **Smart regulation:** The FCC should treat broadband as an essential service, not a public utility, and the federal government must develop a comprehensive, unified, spectrum management plan.

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