



Members of Massachusetts' Congressional Delegation,

We write today to urge you to advocate for and support long-term, sustainable Federal funding for the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), which is at risk of running out of funding in a matter of months.

Established by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act in November 2021, the ACP provides income-eligible individuals and families (those at or below 200% of the federal poverty level, or who receive another form of Federal assistance) with a subsidy to purchase internet service and/or receive a discount on digital devices, including a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet. In August of this year, the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) [announced](#) that more than 20 million households have enrolled in the ACP so far, including more than 313,000 households in Massachusetts, according to [data from the Digital Progress Institute](#). And there is still tremendous opportunity for growth; the 313,000 enrolled households in Massachusetts represent only 31% of the 1,042,310 eligible households statewide.

MA Congressional District	Currently ACP-Enrolled Households (as of September 2023)
1	64,850
2	46,642
3	36,411
4	24,186
5	17,416
6	20,925
7	45,505
8	32,940
9	24,514

[Tech Goes Home](#) (TGH) is a Massachusetts-based nonprofit that, for more than 20 years, has been working with a diverse group of community-focused organizations and partners to expand access to all three legs of the digital access stool — high-quality internet, digital devices, and digital skills training.



TGH has been actively involved in helping our learners enroll in the ACP, and we have seen the program's impact first hand. In a state and society where critical resources have been moved online, reliable, affordable access to high-quality internet and a digital device is a game changer when it comes to attending school and doing homework, finding employment, accessing essential public resources, staying in touch with loved ones, and more. The ACP has provided a lifeline and a pathway to economic mobility, healthcare, education, and more for individuals and families for whom, previously, even the lowest-cost internet plans and digital devices represented an unsustainable financial burden.

Despite the clear, positive impact of this program, Congress has yet to authorize additional funding and [experts estimate](#) that ACP resources will be exhausted by the middle of 2024, if not sooner. Allowing ACP funding to lapse would create a devastating cliff for individuals and families who are currently enrolled and would see their internet bills increase to the tune of hundreds of dollars per year. At the same time, it would eliminate the opportunity to expand essential digital access to millions of eligible households that have yet to enroll in the program. community-focused organizations, internet service providers, and other partners have put considerable time and effort into expanding awareness and building trust with eligible individuals and families – we should not cut those efforts off midstream.

The ACP has proven to be an effective and far-reaching tool — in Massachusetts and across the country — and we urge you to advocate for and support continued funding that will provide both stability for current enrollees and more time to reach additional individuals and families who could benefit from the program. Thank you for your leadership on behalf of Massachusetts' communities and for your consideration of this important issue. We would welcome the opportunity to engage with your offices further about the ACP and/or other topics related to digital access.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'D. Noyes'. The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Dan Noyes, CEO, and the staff of Tech Goes Home