



October 26, 2023

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Majority Leader
United State Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United State Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representative
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Leader Schumer, Speaker Johnson, Leader McConnell, and Leader Jeffries:

AARP, which advocates for the more than 100 million Americans age 50 and older, urges you to support critical funding, included in the President's domestic supplemental request, for the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). ACP is essential to millions of households' ability to participate in all parts of modern digital life. From remote work, virtual education and upskilling, telehealth, and even paying bills, being online is an integral part of our daily lives.

Affordable high-speed internet service is especially important for older Americans, many on fixed incomes, who have too often been left behind. The ACP, created by the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, has helped more than 21 million households—including 9.3 million age 50 and older—get and stay online.

Unfortunately, if the funding for ACP is allowed to run out, millions of older Americans will once again lose access to affordable internet service. Without ACP, despite spending billions of dollars on broadband infrastructure, there will be fewer customers on the other end who can afford the service.

AARP is strongly committed to ensuring affordable high-speed internet service is within reach for older Americans who rely on it for so much of their daily lives. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Dawit Kahsai at dkahsai@aarp.org or (202) 651-0564.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nancy A. LeaMond', is written over a faint, light-colored circular watermark or seal.

Nancy A. LeaMond
Executive Vice President and
Chief Advocacy and Engagement Officer