



Press Statement

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MMTC and Multicultural Groups Call for FCC to Reform the Universal Service Fund

WASHINGTON, DC. (July 19, 2022): MMTC joins more than a dozen multicultural groups in calling for the FCC and Congress to reform the Universal Service Fund to close the digital divide and connect minority Americans to broadband internet. As we note in the letter, we believe the FCC should begin immediately to reform the contribution base for the fund to include those who benefit from consumers being connected to the internet, such as Big Tech companies. We also believe the FCC must act to protect the Affordable Connectivity Fund before its funds run out.

"It is vital the Universal Service Fund be reformed to include all those who benefit when more Americans get connected," said MMTC President and CEO Robert E. Branson. "The FCC and Congress can act to finally close the digital divide and ensure broadband internet is accessible to all communities in America."

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About MMTC:

The Multicultural Media, Telecom, and Internet Council (MMTC) is a non-partisan, national nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting and preserving equal opportunity and civil rights in the mass media, telecom, and broadband industries, and closing the digital divide. MMTC is generally recognized as the nation's leading advocate for minority advancement in communications. MMTC's vision is to achieve a fully connected, educated, healthy, and empowered society in which all communities thrive. Visit MMTC's website [here](https://www.mmtconline.org).