

Press Statement

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MMTC Supports Biden-Harris Administration's ACP \$6 Billion Funding Request

WASHINGTON, DC (October 26, 2023): The Multicultural Media, Telecom and Internet Council (MMTC) supports the <u>Biden-Harris Administration's effort</u> to expand access to high-speed internet across America by seeking \$6 billion in funding from Congress.

"The Biden-Harris Administration's \$6 billion funding request will strengthen the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) by extending free and discounted high-speed internet for eligible households through December 2024. This funding will support tens of millions of people who could lose the ACP benefit and access to affordable high-speed internet service. It will also help MMTC and the Black Churches 4 Digital Equity Coalition encourage unconnected households to get online, provide some assurances that the program will not be terminated just as to commence using it. The program has helped to train and organize leaders as advocates to get their communities connected, and to advance digital equity through the ACP. MMTC believes this funding request is a critical step towards permanent broadband funding," said MMTC President and CEO Robert E. Branson.

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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 on behalf of its members and constituents, including owners of radio and television broadcast stations, programmers, prospective station owners, and others involved in the TMT industries. 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 <u>here</u>.