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MMTC Supports Affordable Connectivity Program Extension Act

WASHINGTON, DC (January 11, 2024): The Multicultural Media, Telecom and Internet Council (MMTC) joined a group of over 400 organizations to support the bicameral, bipartisan introduction of the Affordable Connectivity Program Extension Act by U.S. Senators Peter Welch (D-Vt.), JD Vance (R-Ohio), Jacky Rosen (D-Nev.), and Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.) and U.S. Representatives Yvette D. Clarke (NY-09) and Brian Fitzpatrick (PA-01). This legislation would provide \$7 billion to the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), an initiative administered by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) that offers free and discounted high-speed internet to eligible households in the U.S. It would also extend the current funding that is projected to end by April 2024.

“By passing legislation extending the funding, Congress will strengthen the federal government’s efforts to close the digital divide. It will also help MMTC and the Black Churches 4 Digital Equity Coalition continue to encourage unconnected households to get online and provide some assurances that the program will not be terminated just as people commence using it. In 2023, the ACP funding helped us train and organize leaders as advocates to get their communities connected, and to advance digital equity through the ACP. MMTC believes this legislation and funding extension are critical steps 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 [here](#).