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Biden Administration Calls on Congressional Republicans to Extend Funding for Affordable Connectivity Program, Help Over 704,000 Illinois Households Continue to Save Money on High-Speed Internet

High-speed internet is necessary for Americans to participate in school, do their jobs, access health care, and stay connected. But too many Americans can't afford the cost of a monthly connection, if they have access to a connection at all. To change that, President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law launched the Affordable Connectivity Program, the largest internet affordability program in our nation's history.

Today, the Affordable Connectivity Program is helping over 23 million households across the country save \$30-\$75 each per month on their monthly internet bills. **In Illinois, 704,532 households – 1 in 7 households in the state – are saving money on their internet bills because of the Affordable Connectivity Program.** And, because the Biden-Harris Administration worked with internet providers to offer high-speed internet plans that are fully covered by the Affordable Connectivity Program, many working families in Illinois can now get high-speed internet for *free*.

But if Congressional Republicans fail to act, hundreds of thousands of Illinois families could lose access to affordable, high-speed internet at the end of this month.

Since October, President Biden has been calling on Congress to pass legislation that would extend this benefit through 2024. Democratic Members of Congress have joined him in this effort. The President also included funding for this essential program in his 2025 budget request. The Biden-Harris Administration is once again calling on Congressional Republicans to join their Democratic colleagues and extend funding for the Affordable Connectivity Program, so millions of their own constituents don't lose access to affordable, high speed internet next month. Without action, families may lose access to education, health care, job opportunities, and more.

In Illinois:

- **Enrollment to date:** Today, 704,532 Illinois households are enrolled in the Affordable Connectivity Program. That's about 1 in 7 households in the state.
- **Funding to date:** Illinois has received \$386,701,198 in funding from the Affordable Connectivity Program. That means Illinois families are saving about \$21.1 million total each month on their internet bills.

Affordable Connectivity Program Enrollment by Congressional District

State	Congressional District	Households Enrolled	Estimated Percent of Households	Estimated Fraction	Total Funding
IL	01	82,060	28%	1 in 4	\$46,716,548
IL	02	79,530	27%	1 in 4	\$43,680,372
IL	03	30,927	11%	1 in 9	\$16,424,433
IL	04	35,725	12%	1 in 8	\$18,540,317
IL	05	15,941	5%	1 in 20	\$7,833,659
IL	06	21,720	7%	1 in 14	\$10,645,379
IL	07	84,888	29%	1 in 4	\$49,936,186
IL	08	18,912	6%	1 in 14	\$9,699,932
IL	09	26,896	9%	1 in 11	\$14,126,570
IL	10	21,407	7%	1 in 14	\$11,028,893
IL	11	18,186	6%	1 in 14	\$9,482,063
IL	12	47,041	16%	1 in 6	\$25,775,038
IL	13	78,026	27%	1 in 4	\$45,112,180
IL	14	26,384	9%	1 in 11	\$13,781,114
IL	15	31,765	11%	1 in 9	\$17,043,790
IL	16	24,935	9%	1 in 11	\$13,084,763
IL	17	60,176	21%	1 in 5	\$33,759,673