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| |  | | --- | | **Dear Fellow Rural Caucus Members (and allies),** **Today I’m sending out a call to action concerning rural broadband. As more and more of us in rural counties self-isolate or shelter in place, the poor quality of our broadband connections becomes more evident than ever. I’d like us to send the following statement in an email to our elected representatives:**    **Dear \_\_\_\_\_:**    **As rural residents of California seek to do our part to stop the spread of Coronavirus, we face a serious obstacle: The abysmal state of our broadband connections. Many of our neighbors cannot self-isolate without losing their jobs, because they cannot work from home. Parents of children whose schools have closed cannot continue their children’s education because they cannot access the internet. And the simple, critical task of reaching out for companionship is often, sadly out of reach.**    **We have faced repeated crises, from fires to floods to power shutoffs, and now a pandemic. As the digital age rockets forward at cyber-speed, rural Californians are left behind.**    **Now, more than ever, is the time to close the digital divide. Please urgently support efforts to extend reliable, public safety grade broadband to rural California.**    **Use this link to find out how to contact your elected representatives in the State Senate and the State Assembly.**[http://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001gQnsC5M848UzmeSaBx-DynG8pZy5uNwKnvhE5RvjMuP-YKX4JXQua-fGk2zrNAGlc4DLm_RXfr8RQgFEMqHvpECUeB637YgJdNt9c3crGgNYtIThVJyzPmLK2piSIL6bUDG6wbKe_hwzdNOzC0zHX46tlEH570JqnxdBMCotc4vgS_k7Adn7vvN0Lwa0Xa3XxOIwxXFLKJhrmeVT-X5aDAttL4febvRiRluYd8vLkpWciGJZpe6dej9z1FLKiLZDFb-OkUUnUohnRNInT-iHqauY__TU-shSuElN57eDddDO3lbkLuZf6ZT8wpO-S6b7-GZSZj9MKyDKDbrZzIdMQBq0f193PzBn1pQ8f_Awol2lUkW66Htxk-yV6BnBbLmp-WCw6rui6CH1pJ6eb7-BJJeDq3KyXZeEvnYf-lSGBA7FfwdaI2ftDEYqd4EZTYMbLKDlvlJKyWPFlU9xPxjFM3chqK_D9OJTIpFPGT94smKZ5vaOnz9PeqAuS-a8G1CgcdpFXWrK9I1zO7G60Hpp7A==&c=tMHvvwgJY_HWVbBwNYnTZkI3NIy5ApPI-Yvxxh-NxDhiJpSF1RcL8g==&ch=GbviRbV8GsQLzozn80H6Lbw3c6TkDc3epE3OoKzHS5VN7F_k7cBKCg==)    **In addition, please email:**     * **Senator Dianne Feinstein:**[https://www.feinstein.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/e-mail-me](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001gQnsC5M848UzmeSaBx-DynG8pZy5uNwKnvhE5RvjMuP-YKX4JXQua-fGk2zrNAGlvnEVX9hwmNVUvPdrzHsgmgZooDXvjEQ-OlTzqRy4U_y_FIelD2BWFlEc1hFzVcFQwosLjLBitWpsNdifJpMTp9h5TfqR7FPw-5UZuBunZN9pPAjjDCZzy8m8C0yXIEOFqM-uneQCHS5mYGDUKI77CcrCIgZN1DbL9rlpKcg2tqJKcSe6q6Mq2qEk3ZsUbKUZrA8iG570XL2Q87N4zSJvM4nZ2oR4OKWHU3LV8Vgk_LAf3T811Ub1wwYVU8hwKYLq6W2sre-604G594NFa0CbFXS0CzJpHvh_u396eY6v-yWJntHOo475Wd1jLZ6UALUVxRMLBbCWdj6vPULnHyfSE8YZJe3sM-OibCeMoAsTUbgkyF0K8j6ZzED_s8yJ36Zdvo1OagAfotKfwo16IEI8mGLZq2QOaIoQ2cFwIEO6tH9L0ossExevG2NQqochlvDYB3dcs5ZQcJ0XlfGXfzA6irPOOnzdt7xOqWlyPGwrUjsG5mTp0SAOpFJ7yDrXzEu4&c=tMHvvwgJY_HWVbBwNYnTZkI3NIy5ApPI-Yvxxh-NxDhiJpSF1RcL8g==&ch=GbviRbV8GsQLzozn80H6Lbw3c6TkDc3epE3OoKzHS5VN7F_k7cBKCg==)      * **Senator Kamala Harris:**[https://www.harris.senate.gov/contact/email](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001gQnsC5M848UzmeSaBx-DynG8pZy5uNwKnvhE5RvjMuP-YKX4JXQua-fGk2zrNAGl0SwSb69awSfHu4OJ2z9z-FMbXonfpOxZyF91kUgIOgxu8dIecA31UAE5bnRvIP0X0VISR4haGJPyWJcAavcI3TA9X5jQxJ6v7GUh3U7H9GIRqRYLAlza7J51NKCL4qHAM7FLIa7fvtrXYankuGIZ6kv9vyEnw0l-TBTQVhDIhkJ4F0HLlG_zG3uAhXUU7sWVGbfm7R9xAmMT8ynThf4pGb3oHzMA_pxYLo-waZoYzN4O6fI-uHorM_19uLQ2tcvX9zXrK4nkm5AQ_-Hw5zFmfCYwRDe6vH5DaBK-g1JvzG44rGgP-0SI4pUMU7zvdpLfox9SuAdFLTudIA2Ghe7PRBAVmdFnoYARfHIpN4xiifPhCGAVICNAkH-Ze6_AKXZ1WWh9ORAyAVYUdGEvHZnzUs2lTjlgrD_gqj1Ffd42Fu0YA3gUZKY4ldjzSGHxGouepqst7_daLTZOoHJs_l0q3GHy2cO8l-fFXhTauxKO_GA=&c=tMHvvwgJY_HWVbBwNYnTZkI3NIy5ApPI-Yvxxh-NxDhiJpSF1RcL8g==&ch=GbviRbV8GsQLzozn80H6Lbw3c6TkDc3epE3OoKzHS5VN7F_k7cBKCg==)      * **Governor Gavin Newsom:**[https://govapps.gov.ca.gov/gov40mail/](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001gQnsC5M848UzmeSaBx-DynG8pZy5uNwKnvhE5RvjMuP-YKX4JXQua-fGk2zrNAGlULEKEPXWpjcO2bWVscueqg3aBenQ-pKeeBMjRMuutGWjk4anobzKidtPVDCuuLs4028VXA_e-xnDHwsWDIF41KQ3XuiZP-RvJtat87AfYAyKY3CoIatDjYBAUrJRvmDVDVKgDWvVjt3WGwg1f51YTkGnuLevP8LIJjN2NuNvUTgVGMiGJOWw1BvmtvxcOR-zlZgP6SWcfmlQIu-zj--2C_MMSlsiwPv5JdWxlM3VaOH7eXSchUU8nVkAsotkNpIrHEIyZAO8SZod_pbt4n6knNVTQzzEmLtkLbSZvsPkUJZgNstBGM5XPWr6SC5BkFlVSGylvaQWS45nGWJ_NfRgQu-KL6h15N11aojaWYIDT9CAfUE368ouFdJaVTpStQh9MFmW-yAv4HtlWcOvC4jd8qUK3E9qTxyRWH2Mzd0r87ypk9uQdS93kL_jxBIPRrKuTGCKKo_FqqMX6rxFG0hw171rl2Civ0QB&c=tMHvvwgJY_HWVbBwNYnTZkI3NIy5ApPI-Yvxxh-NxDhiJpSF1RcL8g==&ch=GbviRbV8GsQLzozn80H6Lbw3c6TkDc3epE3OoKzHS5VN7F_k7cBKCg==)      * **FCC Commissioner Ajit Pai:**[Ajit.Pai@fcc.gov](mailto:Ajit.Pai@fcc.gov)     **Thank you for your continuing efforts on behalf of our rural neighbors. In this difficult time, stay safe, stay kind, and be well.** | |

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