

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.283

Rep. Hoitenga offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to urge the Congress of the United States to
2 allocate funding for states that have established broadband
3 expansion block grant programs.

4 Whereas, Broadband internet is a critically important
5 communications method Americans use to connect with one another.
6 Businesses, consumers, workers, and students use the internet for a
7 variety of purposes, making it indispensable in today's society;
8 and

9 Whereas, During the COVID-19 crisis, the internet has become
10 an even more important and essential tool in providing a means for
11 Americans to connect with work, school, and health care. Ensuring
12 that all Americans have access to broadband services at speeds they
13 need to fully participate in our society is imperative; and



1 Whereas, Multiple states have established broadband expansion
2 block grant programs to distribute funds to internet service
3 providers for the purpose of building out broadband infrastructure
4 in rural and underserved areas of their states. This includes
5 Michigan's Connecting Michigan Communities grant program; and

6 Whereas, Congress can assist states working to increase
7 broadband availability to homes, business, and other entities by
8 making funds available to improve and continue expanding broadband
9 infrastructure; now, therefore, be it

10 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the
11 Congress of the United States to allocate funding for states that
12 have established broadband expansion block grant programs; and be
13 it further

14 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
15 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United
16 States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan
17 congressional delegation.