



April 26, 2013

The Honorable Doris Matsui
U.S. House of Representatives
2434 Rayburn Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Matsui:

On behalf of the ACLU, a non-partisan organization with over half a million members, countless additional supporters and activists and 53 affiliates nationwide, we write to commend your efforts to improve access to high speed broadband for low income Americans, and to express our support for the Broadband Adoption Act of 2013.

We believe that access to broadband and the bridging of the digital divide are imperative both as sound public policy and as a matter of core First Amendment principles. Broadband internet has become a prerequisite for the effective exercise of the First Amendment freedoms of speech, assembly, petition and press. We strongly support allowing participants in the federal Lifeline program to use their subsidy to purchase broadband service, and we applaud you, Congressman Waxman and Congresswoman Eshoo for taking steps to do exactly that.

Please do not hesitate to contact Legislative Counsel Gabe Rottman at 202-675-2325 or grottman@dcacclu.org if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

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