

# Connect **All Americans**

# 30%

of K-12 students lack the home connectivity and/or devices to sustain effective distance learning.<sup>1</sup>

**All Americans should be connected to the power and potential of broadband.** Broadband providers, working closely with government leaders, have made extraordinary progress to connect the final frontier. Now more than ever, it's time to finish the job. Connected candidates understand the importance of ensuring all communities are connected to a strong, resilient and continually improving U.S. fiber backbone, and investing in the public-private partnerships needed to make this a reality.



**MORE THAN 18 MILLION AMERICANS DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO HIGH-SPEED BROADBAND<sup>2</sup>**

## THE CHALLENGE

Government lacks the ability to identify all unserved homes and businesses.

**UP TO 38%** of unserved homes and businesses overlooked by **government data**.<sup>3</sup>

**1 IN 4** unserved homes **misplaced on current maps** by a football field's distance or more.<sup>4</sup>

## THE SOLUTION

**MODERN MAPS ASAP**

## WHAT'S NEXT

Congress must immediately fund the FCC's work to 'map the gap,' then commit the substantial resources necessary to close the digital divide once and for all.

<sup>1</sup> Closing the K-12 Digital Divide in the Age of Distance Learning, Common Sense and BCG, June 29, 2020; available at: [https://8ce82b94a8c4fdc3ea6d-b1d233e3bc3cb10858bea65ff05e18f2.ssl.cf2.rackcdn.com/9c/0b/62d34d674c979876e9b13be353df/common-sense-media-report-final-6-26-738am\\_WEB.pdf](https://8ce82b94a8c4fdc3ea6d-b1d233e3bc3cb10858bea65ff05e18f2.ssl.cf2.rackcdn.com/9c/0b/62d34d674c979876e9b13be353df/common-sense-media-report-final-6-26-738am_WEB.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> Broadband Mapping Initiative: Proof of Concept, CostQuest Associates, August 2019; available at: <https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/1082010869365/UST%20BSLF%20PoC%20Findings%20-%20August%202019.pdf>

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