

National Broadband Plan

SR 1832 and HR 6027 urge the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to make substantive change to the National Broadband Plan to ensure that rural areas have access to the same high-quality, affordable communication services that are available in urban areas. Currently, the Plan calls for access to broadband speeds at 100 megabits per second by 2020 in urban areas, and at four megabits per second in rural areas. Specifically, the FCC is urged to modify the Plan to develop a universal service support mechanism that would provide efficient and effective incentives for broadband network deployment and operation, and that would keep broadband service affordable. The members of the Kansas congressional delegation are urged to work with the FCC to ensure that commissioners understand the dramatic alterations needed to the Plan to ensure quality broadband service is available throughout Kansas and the country.