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To: [CA Broadband Council](#)
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To the California Broadband Council:

A primary mission of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) is to advocate for equity in education. That is why we are writing to you today. With the need for distance learning during the COVID-19 pandemic, there is absolutely no way we can claim equity in our schools if we can not provide certainty that all students have access to high quality broadband. Ventura County has been able to provide home computers and hot spots for our students but that's only the half of it. If students live in an area that does not allow reliable high speed internet then they are at a disadvantage. Economics is not always a factor. There are students who live in wealthy remote areas of our county who do not have quality internet access.

And we can not forget the teachers. They, too, must have reliable broadband so they can teach from their homes. If not, they are forced to teach from their classrooms. With the uncertain COVID surges and constant changes in school openings and closures, if teachers are required to teach from their classrooms because they have inadequate broadband in their homes, then they put their health at risk.

The Camarillo branch of the AAUW urges you to adopt the California State Broadband Action Plan to deploy affordable and reliable broadband networks throughout California.

Sincerely,

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on behalf of the Camarillo AAUW

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