

Since I joined the Assembly, our citizens have told me about the need for **improved broadband** access in many parts of New York.

This is the year we can make it happen!







Why Broadband Access Is More Important Than Ever: FDLICATION

EDUCATION COMMERCE TELEWORK TELEMEDICINE This pandemic has forced 10 years of change in one year. We need to determine who has broadband, and at what speed, from our ISPs.

- The COVID-19 pandemic has shown us what it means to be without consistently reliable internet access. Adults, seniors, and youth alike all rely on it in various ways.
- Business and work is conducted over the internet on an unprecedented scale, with the rate only increasing over time.
- The necessity of wide-ranging virtual schooling for students of all ages demands that internet service providers (ISPs) step up and ensure that no student of any age is left behind.

Many of our residents in upstate NY have been left on the wrong side of the digital divide. Let's learn from lessons of the past and ensure comprehensive access to all citizens.

For more information, visit: www.ny.gov/programs/broadband-all

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