



Endorsements for the Device Access for Every American Act

“People need essential tools like computers and tablets to fully engage in society. However, many low-income or marginalized consumers simply can’t afford computers or tablets or don’t have enough devices for multiple family members to connect simultaneously. No one should be precluded from connecting because of their inability to afford a device. This bill will ensure that low-income and marginalized consumers can connect into the future. Public Knowledge applauds Sen. Warnock for his tireless leadership in connecting those most in need.” – **Jenna Leventoff, Senior Policy Counsel, Public Knowledge**

“We applaud Senator Warnock for directly addressing the need for computers in the home. About 40% of people who aren’t using the internet at home say it’s because it’s too expensive to have a computer, and 15% of US adults only use internet on a smartphone. Access to appropriate devices is essential to participate in today’s digital world.” – **Angela Siefer, Executive Director, National Digital Inclusion Alliance**

“Access to the internet without a device is nearly meaningless. So many families depend on sharing mobile devices to accomplish some of life’s most difficult digital tasks. That’s why NHMC proudly supports Device Access for Every American Act, which would provide consumers with up to \$400 in assistance to purchase a computer or tablet directly from a retailer or refurbisher. With proper funding, this bill will help close the digital divide and the device gap for the Latinx and other disconnected communities.” – **Brenda V. Castillo, President & CEO, National Hispanic Media Coalition**

“Broadband connectivity for low-income families is only as good as the physical means available for them to access the internet. Even if the rates charged for broadband service were more affordable, some consumers don’t have the means to buy a computer, tablet, or laptop to get online. Senator Warnock’s legislation offers a straightforward solution to this problem, and Consumer Reports is happy to support it.” – **Jonathan Schwantes, Senior Policy Counsel, Consumer Reports**

“More than 4 in 10 low-income households lack a computer for on-line telehealth appointments, job applications, or remote schoolwork. Senator Warnock’s Device Access for Every American Act would provide robust funding for affordable laptops and other connected devices, which, along with broadband affordability funds, are necessary to close the digital divide for all households.” – **Olivia Wein, Staff Attorney, National Consumer Law Center**

“Getting online is expensive, and while broadband itself is costly, so are the devices people use to get online. Even with an affordable connection, low-income families may still be prevented

from connecting because devices often cost several hundred dollars, further preventing the U.S. from closing the digital divide. This bill offers hope for families who have had to go without the necessary devices, especially during a global pandemic when they are needed most.” – ***Willmary Escoto, U.S. Policy Analyst, Access Now***

“As digital technologies continue to help working families and businesses cope with the COVID-19 pandemic, it’s essential that tech’s benefits reach every family, student, and worker. The Device Access for Every American Act takes critical steps to close the digital divide by promoting digital inclusion through a connected device voucher program. We commend Sen. Warnock for his leadership on this effort and urge the U.S. Senate to advance this important measure, especially as it leverages technology to modernize U.S. infrastructure, increase access for Americans, and further U.S. global leadership.” – ***Joel Miller, Senior Director of Policy, Information Technology Industry Council***

“While the pandemic resulted in a new, virtual way of living, it dramatically increased the disparity between those with access and those without. Over the past year, it has been made abundantly clear that access to a device is no longer the luxury it was once considered but rather a vital tool that can provide gateways to educational and economic opportunity. The Device Access for Every American Act will deliver access to millions across the country helping to connect underserved communities and close the digital divide. We applaud Senator Warnock and Congressman McEachin for the work they are doing here helping to promote digital inclusivity for those most in need.” – ***Michael Young, Senior Vice President, Global Government Affairs and Public Policy, Dell Technologies***

“No one should be content living in a world where a digital divide separates those who have access to technology from those who do not. Paving a path toward digital equity is essential to creating an economy that affords everyone the opportunity to access the education, employment and healthcare they need to thrive. This starts with putting a PC in the hands of every person who lacks one, and the Device Access for Every American Act is a huge step in the right direction. Senator Warnock and Representative McEachin deserve great credit for taking action and we fully support the passage of this bill.” – ***Harvey Anderson, General Counsel, HP Inc.***

“The Joint Center is pleased to see Senator Warnock introduce this bill to ensure that low-income consumers can afford a computer or tablet to connect to the internet. Lack of affordability of devices and broadband services drives digital equity gaps for many Black households, and this bill provides a great opportunity to increase broadband connectivity for low-income Black Americans across the U.S.” – ***Dominique Harrison, Director, Technology Policy, Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies***

“To close the digital divide we must not only ensure that families have access to affordable and robust internet but that they have the devices at home needed to maximize their use of the internet. Students need high quality devices to explore STEM curriculum, parents need high quality devices to participate in remote work, and families need high quality devices to take advantage of telemedicine. Common Sense applauds Senator Warnock's bill because it will help to ensure that all families have access to the devices they need to really close the digital divide.” – ***Amina Fazlullah, Director of Equity Policy, Common Sense***

“Access to connected devices represents a critical component of the digital divide today where so many households lack laptops, desktops, or other equipment necessary to meaningfully get on the internet. Senator Warnock’s Device Access for Every American Act would provide critical resources to ensure marginalized communities get access to connected devices in order to participate in our democracy and economy today and long into the future.” – **Yosef Getachew, Program Director, Common Cause Media and Democracy**

“Everyone who needs a computer should have one, and no one should be left behind. Device ownership is core to digital inclusion, fundamental for individuals and families to participate and thrive in our digital society. Digitunity is proud to support the Device Access for Every American Act. If passed, it would mark a meaningful step towards eliminating the technology gap in America. This bill’s introduction reinforces the importance of technology reuse in ensuring a robust supply of eligible devices, and digital literacy training and support to ensure adoption and success. The nonprofit refurbishers within our network that make up the Alliance for Technology Refurbishing and Reuse (AFTRR) and provide devices, training, and support to communities across the country stand ready to help make this federal program a reality.” – **Scot Henley, Executive Director, Digitunity**

“Tech Goes Home, a nonprofit working every day to expand digital equity, applauds the introduction of the Device Access for Every American Act, vital legislation that will help connect more people with high-quality digital devices. Across America, millions of people lack access to a computer or tablet, which - along with lack of access to high-speed internet and digital skills - contributes to persistent educational, health, and economic inequities. Especially now, as we continue to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, it is critical that we equip every person and family with the affordable, high-quality devices they need to access critical services online and take advantage of opportunities to improve their lives - the Device Access for Every American Act represents an important part of that effort.” – **Daniel Noyes, Co-CEO, Tech Goes Home**

“The Device Access for Every American Act will help ensure students and families access the laptops and tablets they need to participate in everyday life. During the pandemic and long after, these devices are critical tools we need to complete schoolwork, telework, and even access telemedicine. KIPP Public Schools are proud to support Senator Warnock’s bill, which will help improve device access for the families that need them the most.” – **Adzua Agyapon, Director of Policy and Advocacy, KIPP Foundation**

This bill has been endorsed by Public Knowledge, National Digital Inclusion Alliance, National Hispanic Media Coalition, National Consumer Law Center, Common Sense, Digitunity, National Council on Aging, UnidosUS, Consumer Reports, Common Cause, Joint Center, Microsoft, Dell Technologies, HP, Information Technology Industry Council (ITI), Tech Goes Home, Access Now, Together for Hope, Center for Rural Strategies, National League of Cities, Access Humboldt, KIPP Foundation, Higher Learning Advocates (HLA), and Chegg.