

## ROBUST SUPPORT FOR UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES & EDUCATIONAL ACCESS

- Co-lead of the *Accessible, Affordable Internet for All Act*, which supports a comprehensive, \$100 billion investment in closing broadband gaps and includes multiple bills I introduced.
  - Encourage universal broadband access by including \$85 billion to deploy high-speed broadband infrastructure nationwide through grants and loan financing.
  - Ensure internet affordability by requiring an affordable option for internet service plans offered on the newly-built infrastructure; providing a \$50 monthly discount on plans for low-income consumers; and directing the FCC to collect and publicize data on prices.
  - Promote internet adoption by providing over \$1 billion to establish grant programs for states to close gaps in broadband adoption, as well as digital inclusion projects for organizations and local communities to implement; including \$5 billion to enable students without internet at home to participate in remote learning; and providing over \$680 million in grants for the planning and implementation to programs to expand digital equity and skills online.
- With Sens. Hassan (D-NH) and Gardner (R-CO), introduced the bipartisan *AIRWAVES Act*, which accelerates auctions of wireless spectrum and uses 10% of those revenues for rural broadband infrastructure.
- Introduced the bipartisan *Connected Rural Schools Act*, which allows counties to use Secure Rural Schools Program funding on educational broadband.
- In 2019, co-introduced a bipartisan bill to allow schools to use E-Rate dollars to expand Wi-Fi to school buses to expand internet access on kid's commutes and create workspaces for children to do homework.

## HOLDING GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABLE

- Introduced the bipartisan *ACCESS BROADBAND Act*, which requires one federal agency to coordinate broadband programs and applications, while tracking funding to prevent fraud and waste.
- Hosted a federal broadband workshop in September 2019, bringing together federal agencies and stakeholders from throughout Nevada.
- Sent more than a dozen letters to the administration supporting broadband access and eliminating red tape, including supporting grant funding, local control over broadband, and pushing federal agencies to approve Nevada's projects in a timely manner.

## RESPONDING TO THE COVID-19 CRISIS

- Co-lead legislation to provide for E-Rate support for Wi-Fi hotspots, routers, and devices during emergency periods relating to COVID-19, and support for rural providers to help ensure resources help them keep rural Nevadans connected.
- Supported the *CARES Act*, which included \$200 million for rural telehealth, \$100 million for broadband deployment, and \$25 million for distance learning.