



## Press Statement

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### **MMTC Applauds Senate Bipartisan Amendment to Extend the Affordable Connectivity Program**

**WASHINGTON, DC (May 8, 2024):** The Multicultural Media, Telecom and Internet Council (MMTC) appreciates and applauds the efforts of the Senate bipartisan group to preserve the Affordable Connectivity Program, an essential initiative that has helped bridge the digital divide for more than 23 million households. As a result, these households have been able to access the internet and get connected to information, resources, and services that support their families and enhance their personal and professional lives. This critically important bi-partisan amendment provides a real opportunity to save such an important and essential program.

MMTC President and CEO Robert Branson stated that “MMTC through our Black Churches 4 Digital Equity Coalition initiative worked tirelessly to help people in our community get and stay connected using the internet and today’s technology. We look forward to working with Congress to create a permanent solution that closes the digital divide.”

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#### **About MMTC:**

The Multicultural Media, Telecom and Internet Council (MMTC) is a non-partisan, national nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting and preserving equal opportunity and civil rights in the mass media, telecom and broadband industries, and closing the digital divide on behalf of its members and constituents, including owners of radio and television broadcast stations, programmers, prospective station owners, and others involved in the TMT industries. MMTC is generally recognized as the nation’s leading advocate for minority advancement in communications. MMTC’s vision is to achieve a fully connected, educated, healthy, and empowered society in which all communities thrive. Visit MMTC’s website [here](#).