

# United States Senate

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for the invitation to attend this year's NH Broadband Conference. I wish I could be with you today as you discuss the benefits of expanding broadband access throughout our state.

High-speed broadband and cell service is essential to long-term economic development and job growth in New Hampshire. Internet access and wireless services are crucial drivers of our economy that provide a connection to the global community. Harnessing this technology and spreading it throughout our state will enhance educational opportunities in our schools, attract companies to locate to New Hampshire, provide our first responders with timely information they need to protect and serve, improve the delivery and reduce the costs of health care, and give small businesses a valuable tool to succeed. As we consider the great progress we have made in expanding broadband access, we are reminded that there is still work to be done to deliver this technology to every part of our state.

I would like to thank all those gathered here today who have worked to expand broadband and have supported efforts to make the vision of an interconnected state into a reality. Your success demonstrates the strength of a shared commitment to this worthy cause.

Thank you again for the invitation to attend, and best wishes in all of your future endeavors.

Sincerely,



Jeanne Shaheen  
United States Senator