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"I am disappointed that the Governor did not sign the Comprehensive Broadband Connectivity Act. Having access to reliable internet has never been more important. With most households having individuals working from home and students learning virtually, access to internet is critical. For years now, we have heard about the NYS program, Broadband for All. Hundreds of millions of dollars have been invested in improving infrastructure and working to bring high-speed internet access to every mile of NYS, including those without access or underserved. However, there are estimates that indicate

that over 25% of NYS public school students are still unconnected. Simply put, rural and urban residents deserve better. Whether in the budget or as legislation, broadband expansion needs to be a priority.”