All New Yorkers Deserve All New Yorkers Deserve Internet Access

A Special Message from



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It is time to bring broadband to all New Yorkers.

The North Country and Mohawk Valley region continually struggles with broadband access. The COVID-19 pandemic has only highlighted how great our need for reliable broadband is, as many small businesses operated virtually and individuals worked from home. As our schools closed, our students and teachers were forced to adapt to virtual classrooms and learning. Parents and students alike in parts of rural New York were at a disadvantage due to a lack of broadband and high speed internet. In a 21st Century society, we shouldn't struggle to answer emails or keep in touch with our loved ones.

Ken knows just how important access to broadband is for you. That's why he has:

- Written letters to the governor about the region's desperate need for reliable broadband
- Supported legislation to study the practicality of municipal broadband (S.6041-A)
- Worked with the New York State Broadband Program Office to fight for more funding for broadband in Lewis and St. Lawrence counties

Important Information:

New York State Broadband Program Office: nysbroadband.ny.gov

New York State Coronavirus Hotline: 1-888-364-3065

New York State Domestic and Sexual Violence Hotline: 1-800-942-6906

New York State Office of Mental Health Emotional Support Helpline: 1-844-863-9314

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