

25 July 2008

The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye  
Chair  
U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation  
722 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-1102

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The IEEE-USA is writing in support of H.R. 3919, the *Broadband Census of America Act of 2007*, which passed the House last November. We endorse this legislation that will obtain information on the types and speed of broadband service subscribers and the extent of such adoption for the residential and business market. Developing a national map of broadband service will enable the U.S. to determine those areas that are underserved by broadband suppliers.

IEEE-USA feels these are important steps in increasing broadband deployment in the U.S. and we urge swift passage of the bill. The U.S. lags many other nations in availability and speed as well as value. This is especially true in many rural areas of the country. Many important industries including agriculture, health care delivery, and others depend on ubiquitous availability of broadband and this legislation will promote rapid deployment. This legislation could go a long way toward accelerating broadband deployment in the U.S. with substantial attendant economic benefits to the country.

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We urge you to act on this legislation in the next few months.

Sincerely,



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[The same letter was sent to all Members of the US Senate Commerce Committee, 07/25/08.]