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NCLC Advocates Support Broadband Adoption Act of 2015

(Washington) Today, U.S. Congresswoman Doris Matsui (D-CA), U.S. Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT), and U.S. Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ) introduced legislation to modernize the federal Lifeline Assistance Program to include broadband service to eligible low-income households.

National Consumer Law Center Attorney Olivia Wein praised today's action on behalf of NCLC's low income clients:

“The Broadband Adoption Act of 2015 addresses a critical need in our nation – closing the digital divide by bringing affordable broadband within the reach of struggling households. The lack of affordable broadband service hurts children whose educational opportunities are limited and hampers workers' ability to apply for jobs or establish entrepreneurial businesses. Internet access affects every facet of modern life, from access to healthcare to participation in commerce. In an information age, access to modern communication services enhances the competitiveness of individuals and communities. Representative Matsui and Senators Murphy and Booker have demonstrated great leadership on this issue by introducing this legislation.”

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