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Opportunity for All

As 2020 continues to be one of the more memorable years in our lives, there is one thing that has emerged as a rising concern; internet access.

Something that I say quite often is that in Wisconsin the urban areas rely on the rural and the rural on the urban. One cannot be successful without the other. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic it has become abundantly clear that the rural areas of our state have been left behind. Internet has always been hard to come by in the 92nd, but now more than ever I hope my colleagues will see that the lack of access has caused an inequality of opportunity for many of our children, workers and elders.

For example, many of our children have been asked to educate themselves virtually and our district I am proud to say many of our schools had the resources such as hotspots and laptops to help with their education. However, this still leaves some of the behind when compared to urban areas that have quality internet access readily available creating an education gap.

Additionally there are many people who are unable to work from their homes due to a lack of quality internet. Worse yet, our elderly population, who has been one of the hardest hit groups, is not able to have visitations, this is where technology and accessible internet would help provide for our seniors to not feel alone in the end years of their lives.

With the money the state has received and with an upcoming budget, I will continue to push for broadband in the rural areas. It's not just about a pandemic, it is what allows us to use technology to farm to feed cities, our kids having an equal playing field with other kids in the state, and for our communities to come together and continue sharing our traditions.

As always, feel free to contact my office with questions, comments, or concerns.

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