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Americans, no matter where they live, should have the right to access their cultural heritage resources stewarded by museums, archives, and libraries. Expansion of the broadband infrastructure is critical to providing this access to many Americans who live beyond urban areas. Museums and archives hold digital images and information about objects, photographs, media, and documents and provide firsthand access to primary sources about American history, art, and culture. Citizens should not be denied access to these resources because they do not live in urban areas. Libraries and community centers are instrumental in providing internet access in many suburban and near rural areas. In many rural areas, schools do not have Internet access. Broadband access is needed to provide the 21st century educational and interpretive resources developed by museums, libraries, and archives to American schools and households.

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