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Sustainable broadband is required to bring skills and opportunity to rural areas.

It makes distance learning possible.

It makes remote jobs possible.

It allows self-employed professionals, small businesses, and remote workers to bring their much-needed income and tax contributions into struggling rural areas.

The knowledge and expertise moving into communities with broadband will help distribute access, training, and opportunity to the communities that manufacturing and resource extraction have left behind, by distributing internet experts.

Stop making people constrain where they can live based on broadband access. Help make farming and rural areas and small towns in Oregon more economically sustainable.

At 25 years into the World Wide Web, it is way past time to close the digital divide.

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