

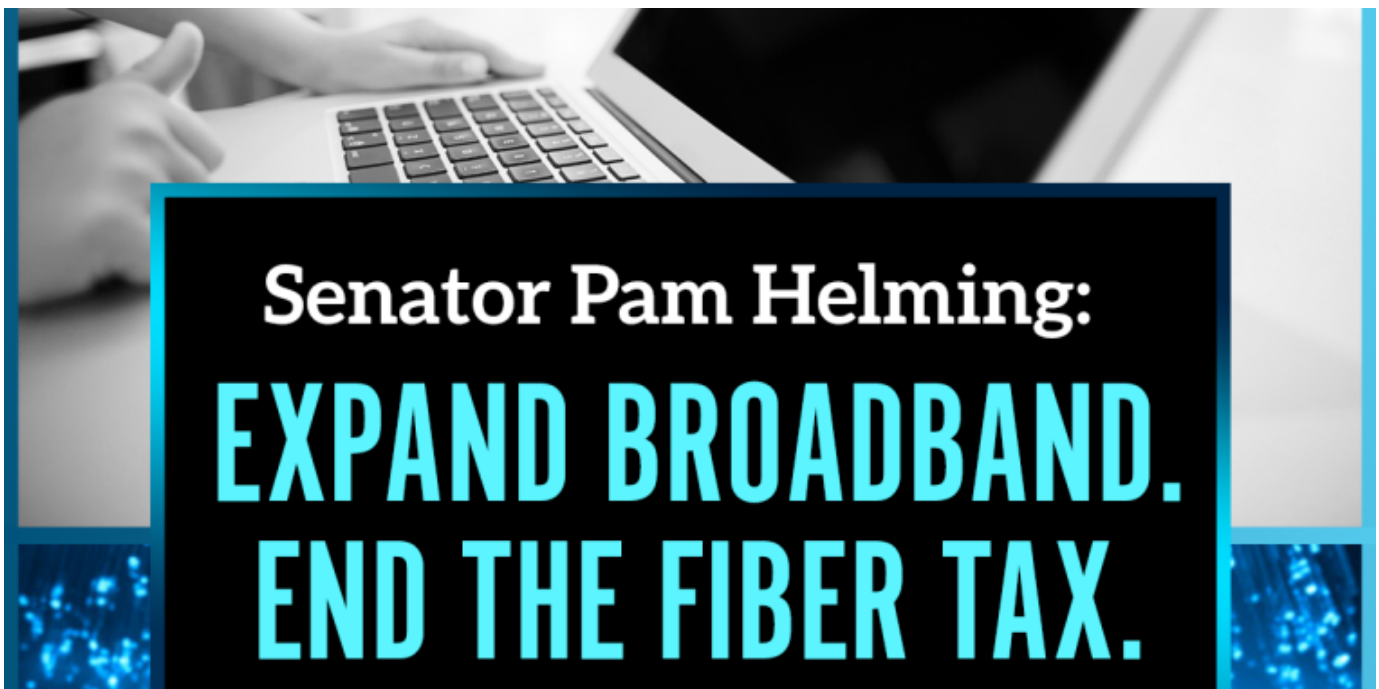


NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Pamela Helming

Senator Helming Statement on Broadband Expansion, Governor's Veto of S.8805

PAMELA HELMING February 2, 2021



"The Governor's veto of this bipartisan bill to support the expansion of broadband is disappointing. However, the Legislature can take action right now to help expand high-speed internet access in our rural communities by acting on my bill (S.2659) to repeal the tax on fiber optic cable that has made broadband expansion projects cost-prohibitive for most installers.

"Expanding broadband is a top priority for me. It is especially important now, when more people are relying on high-speed internet access for remote work and school. I also continue

to advocate for our district's needs to the Public Service Commission, and I remain in contact with them about the progress of expansion in my district."