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Senator Helming Statement on Broadband Expansion, Governor's Veto of Comprehensive Broadband Connectivity Act (S.8805)

"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."

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Senator Helming represents the 54th Senate District, which consists of Seneca and Wayne Counties, parts of Cayuga and Ontario Counties, and the towns of Lansing and Webster. For more information, visit Senator Helming's website at helming.nysenate.gov or follow @SenatorHelming on Facebook and Twitter.