



SHLB Coalition Congressional Policy Meeting Notes

February 10th, 2026

Action Items

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- I. E-Rate Oversight (GAO study, Cruz letter)
 - A. Cruz sent a letter to Chairman Carr on 02.04
 - 1. Starts out talking about Federal Investigations in Minnesota talking about Fraud and misuse of funds. (Feeding out Future)
 - a) Uses this as a catalyst to tell the FCC that it is time to look at other programs
 - B. What will SHLB do on this?
 - 1. We want to have a meeting with the FCC commissioners and go through anything that we can bring to their attention like the GAO report, improper payment rate for E-Rate
 - 2. We will also be advocating at our Fly-In
 - C. -: At SOTN there was a comment about the scrutiny on BEAD and some of the USF programs. The thought that providers are double dipping because they are getting their CAPEX with BEAD and their sustainability plans are getting covered by E-Rates. This is something we should be keeping our eyes on.
 - II. Mapping
 - A. <https://www.billtrack50.com/billdetail/1902986/63002>
 - B. A couple years ago EveryLibrary and SHLB created a letter together
 - C. A bill was introduced entitled "MAP" about the broadband funding map.
 - 1. Asking for GAO to do a study on the usability, accuracy and integrity
 - 2. The Science Technology Committee was supposed to vote on this last week, but they did not have quorum
 - 3. What are the next steps?
 - a) Keep track of it
 - b) What do we want to see out of a study? What would be useful for us to know about how the public is using the map?
 - 4. How will all of the work that states have done for mapping play into a national mapping?
 - III. Screen time
 - A. No real update on Screen time
 - B. We are continuing to keep our eye on this as this is something that Carr could be coming for.

- IV. BEAD NON-deployment
 - A. Joey spoke on a how to make BEAD successful panel at SOTN
 - 1. "Adoption is the *Everest*"
 - B. Will be asking about this if called on for NTIA Listening Session
- V. State of the Net
 - A. There is a clear interest in discussing BEAD, Non-Deployment and USF
 - B. A lot of discussion about Age-Verification
 - 1. There are a lot of complexities involving this as the technologies are not perfect.

SHLB's next USF Congressional policy group call will reconvene on [DATE], 2026 at 2:00 pm ET.

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