

**STATEMENT OF
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Re: *2012 Measuring Broadband America: A Report on Consumer Residential Broadband Performance in the United States* (July 19, 2012)

As the uses of broadband multiply in our lives, so do the questions. Will this connection work for high definition streaming video? Will it support online learning? Is it sufficient for teleconferencing? Can it support development of a website? Will it support interactive games? Is it reliable enough for critical telemedicine functions?

Answering these kinds of queries is what today's report is all about. By and large, the news is good. Testing reveals that over the course of the last year, the average Internet service provider delivered 96 percent of advertised speeds. This is an improvement over just a year ago, when the average provider delivered 87 percent of such speeds. In addition, the average subscribed tier has improved, from 11.1 Mbps last year to 14.3 Mbps this year.

But these tests do more than shine a light on actual speeds delivered to consumers. They remind us that it is essential that consumers fully understand these speeds and how they can use the capacity they provide. So going forward, I welcome expanding this measurement project to new technologies and looking for new ways to provide consumers with the information they need and the broadband services they want.