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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**FORWARD LATINO APPLAUDS PRESIDENT BIDEN ON  
 \$42 BILLION INVESTMENT IN AFFORDABLE BROADBAND EXPANSION!**

**Franklin, WI-** Forward Latino, a national non-profit, non-partisan service and advocacy organization applauds today’s announcement by President Joe Biden investing \$42 billion to expand affordable broadband access across the country.

National President Darryl Morin issued the following statement after the announcement:

“A little of eight years ago, I logged into a free Wi-Fi network we had donated to Walker Square Park on the southside of Milwaukee. It was a crisp Sunday morning and I found there were eight users on the system accessing free internet access, six of whom were accessing school-related websites. It was 17° in Milwaukee that morning and there were young children, wanting to do good in school and eager for opportunity, sitting in cars with their parents, next to a Wi-Fi access point, doing their homework.

We may not be a perfect nation, but we should always strive to provide every child with an equal opportunity to succeed and that is simply not possible for those who do not have access to affordable internet access. From school work, to job training, and much more, the internet is a critical piece of infrastructure, an on-ramp, for anyone wanting to get on the road to opportunity and prosperity.

Today’s announcement will provide affordable access to an estimated 8.5 million families and businesses across America. For this reason, we applaud President Joe Biden and bipartisan leadership in Congress for making this truly historic investment in infrastructure, opportunity and equity possible.”

**About Forward Latino:**

*Forward Latino empowers affiliates to inspire and engage communities, strengthen our democracy, improve the lives of working families, protect the environment, and stand up for equality and civil rights. We cultivate, train, and support a diverse national network of Latina/o/x community leaders addressing the civic, economic, and political challenges of the 21st century.*

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