AARP Kansas is fighting to expand access to affordable and reliable high-speed internet. Recently, AARP surveyed Kansas registered voters age 50-plus about how they use the internet and whether they support the expansion of high-speed internet, especially to rural areas currently lacking it. Here’s what the voters say:

**Internet Use**

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<td>Pay bills online</td>
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<td>Stream TV shows or movies</td>
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- **Kansas registered voters ages 50+ use the internet.**
- **63%** use social media
- **61%** use the internet for health-related reasons
- **69%** use the internet to pay bills
- **73%** use the internet to make purchases

**Barriers to Internet Use**

- **44%** say their home internet use over the past 12 months has been limited by quality
- **36%** say their home internet use has been limited by cost
- **53%** of residents in rural areas report that access is a problem
- **1 in 3** Kansans surveyed said that high-speed internet access is a problem in their community

**Kansas voters support policies to expand high-speed internet**

Kansas voters 50-plus agree that elected officials should work to ensure that high-speed internet service is available to all Kansans, regardless of where they live.

| Strongly or Somewhat Agree | 76% |

- **66%** support the development of public/private partnerships
- **64%** support the state offering incentives to internet providers to expand access

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