Nebraskans 50+ Support Increased Access to High-Speed Internet

AARP Nebraska is fighting to expand access to affordable and reliable high-speed internet. Recently, AARP surveyed Nebraska 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**
- **84%** Nebraska registered voters ages 50+ use the internet.
  - **78%** Make purchases online
  - **70%** Use social media
  - **66%** For health-related reason
  - **59%** Pay bills online
  - **59%** Stream TV shows or movies

**Barriers to Internet Use**
Rural areas face greater challenges when it comes to accessing high-speed internet.
- 1 in 3 Nebraskans surveyed said that high-speed internet access is a problem in their community.
- 53% of residents in rural areas report that access is a problem.

**Nebraska voters support policies to expand high-speed internet**
Survey respondents agree that elected officials should work to ensure that high-speed internet is available for all Nebraskans, regardless of where they live.

- **79%** Strongly or Somewhat Agree

Seventy-three percent of Nebraska voters 50-plus support the development of public/private partnerships.

- **71%** Republicans
- **80%** Democrats
- **77%** Independents

Sixty-nine percent of Nebraska voters 50-plus support the state offering incentives to internet providers to expand access.

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- **79%** Democrats
- **66%** Independents

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