Oklahoma Voters 50+ Support Increased Access to High-Speed Internet

AARP Oklahoma is fighting to expand access to affordable and reliable high-speed internet. Recently, AARP surveyed Oklahoma 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

- 86% of Oklahoma registered voters ages 50+ use the internet.
- Make purchases online: 73%
- Use social media: 70%
- Pay bills online: 61%
- Stream TV shows or movies: 56%
- For health-related reason: 69%

### Reasons for Investing in High-Speed Internet

Nearly nine in ten voters believe the following issues are reasons for the state to invest in developing high-speed internet:

- Improving access to education: 88%
- Preventing social isolation among older adults: 87%
- Improving access to online healthcare: 86%
- Helping businesses be competitive: 85%

The importance of these issues resonates regardless of political affiliation with more than eight in ten Republicans and Independents and roughly nine in ten Democrats deeming these issues to be important.

### Oklahoma voters support policies to expand high-speed internet

Many Oklahoma voters 50-plus are more likely to vote for a candidate who had helped increase access to affordable high-speed internet.

- 78% Strongly or Somewhat Support
- 81% Strongly or Somewhat Support
- 77% Strongly or Somewhat Support
- 70% Strongly or Somewhat Support
- 83% Strongly or Somewhat Support
- 68% Strongly or Somewhat Support

Seventy-eight percent of Oklahoma voters 50-plus support allowing rural electric cooperatives to offer high-speed internet service to customers.

Seventy-four percent of Oklahoma voters 50-plus support the state offering incentives to internet providers to expand access.

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