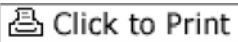




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## Broadband: The Future of West Virginia

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For those of us that can connect to the world wide web in an instant, its a luxury we don't think twice about, but many of us still can't, either because it's not affordable, or the infrastructure just isn't there.

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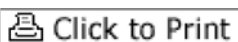
The point of the meeting was to hear how broadband, or the lack of it, affects their industries, whether its education, health care or emergency services.

"More important than roads, more important than water, more important than everything, we have them now, and so this broadband issue and wireless issue is the future of West Virginia and we've got all these mountains make things harder even though they're beautiful, they get in the way of everything," says Senator Jay Rockefeller, West Virginia.

Senator Rockefeller adds that the internet is now a necessity and the federal government must step in to bring broadband to all parts of the West Virginia.

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