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### JACL ISSUES STATEMENT ON NATIONAL BROADBAND PLAN

**Washington, D.C.**—The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), the nation's oldest and largest Asian American civil and human rights organization, issues the following statement in regard to the National Broadband Plan.

In February of 2009, as a part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Congress tasked the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) with the creation of a National Broadband Plan. Today, we were pleased to see the completion of this Plan after a year of hard work and dedication by the Commission.

FCC staff has revealed it will cost hundreds of billions of dollars to deploy broadband to all Americans, so it is wise that the Commission recognized the importance of private sector investment when crafting the Plan. This approach will ensure the availability and affordability of broadband technology in the years to come.

The JACL believes that this Plan is a critical first step towards the eradication of the digital divide and looks forward to seeing more Americans harness the power of broadband for their civic, economic, and educational success. The JACL expresses thanks to President Obama, Congress and the FCC for their vision of a universally connected nation.

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