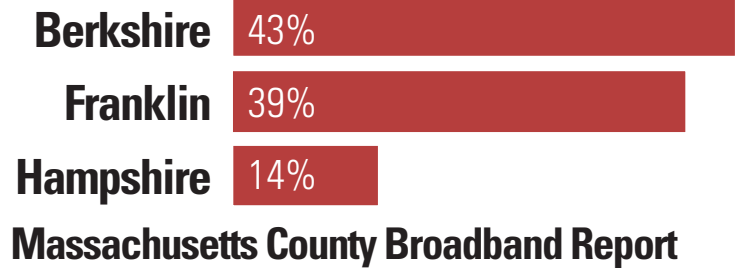





# Congressman Richard Neal SAYS NO TO RURAL BROADBAND

The U.S. Dept. of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service provides programs for rural broadband deployment including: Community Connect Grants, Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants, Broadband Loans and Loan Guarantees and Telecommunications Infrastructure Loans and Guarantees. All of these programs are authorized under the 2014 Farm Bill for 2014 – 2018.



Percent of rural population **without access** to 25 Mbps/3 Mbps (Megabits per second).

Source: 2016 Broadband Progress Report, FCC, 1/29/16

-  Rep. Neal voted **against** the Agriculture Reform, Food and Jobs Act of 2013, known as the Farm Bill  
Source: H.R. 2642, 7/11/13, Roll call 353
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Source: H.R. 2642, 1/29/14, Roll call 31
-  Rep. Neal **did not vote** on an amendment to the Fiscal 2012 Agriculture Department spending bill to increase funding for rural broadband loans by \$6 million. Source: H.R. 2112, 6/16/11. Roll call 442.

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