



**SCHOLARS**  
STRATEGY NETWORK

## The Digital Equity Act Would Be a Start, but We Must Do More

**Richard Alan Berry**, University of Maine

Last month, Maine Sen. Angus King **introduced bipartisan legislation** aimed at addressing the sustained digital divide. **The Digital Equity Act** would establish two Federal grant programs that empower states and local communities to close the digital divide and promote digital equity.

**The National Digital Equity Center**, a digital literacy leader in Maine, advocates for digital equity as “necessary for civic and cultural participation, employment, lifelong learning, and access to essential services.”