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**MINER, VALESKY, MAFFEI ANNOUNCE  
LAUNCH OF ARCH COALITION  
TO BRIDGE DIGITAL DIVIDE**

*New Coalition Made Up of Elected Officials, Community Leaders,  
Businesses, Citizens Will Educate, Advocate for Expanding Broadband  
Internet*

*ARCH Coalition to Sponsor Series of Community Education Meetings to  
Recruit Support and Spread Awareness of the Impact of the Digital  
Divide*

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Syracuse Mayor Stephanie A. Miner, State Senator Dave Valesky, and U.S. Rep. Dan Maffei today announced the launch of a new coalition aimed at bridging the digital divide. The coalition, the Alliance for Reliable, Competitive High speed internet (ARCH), will be made up of community members, elected leaders, and business owners advocating for broadband internet policies that support consumers and support economic growth.

“Ensuring everyone in Syracuse has access to quality, competitive telecom services is key to creating the jobs and economy of a twenty first century city,” said **Syracuse Mayor Stephanie A. Miner**. “I’m pleased to stand with fellow community leaders to spread awareness of this important issue.”

“Working to bring Syracuse residents competitive, quality, high speed internet is a top priority,” said **State Senator Dave Valesky**. “The first step in that process is educating our community on the importance of this service to create jobs and save consumers money.”

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“Expanding access to high speed internet is critical for growing our local economy and creating jobs,” said **Rep. Maffei**. “I will continue to work with local public and private sector partners to improve high speed internet access for families and small businesses in Syracuse and across Central New York.”

The new ARCH coalition will host community education meetings across Syracuse to raise awareness of broadband internet policy issues, including the lack of fiber optic cable throughout the City of Syracuse.

Inaugural coalition members include the following:

- Mayor Stephanie A. Miner
- State Senator Dave Valesky
- U.S. Rep. Dan Maffei
- County Legislator Linda Ervin
- Assemblyman Sam Roberts
- Alliance of Communities Transforming Syracuse
- Citizen Action
- Association of Retired Americans
- We Are New York

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