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**Lt. Governor Gray to Host Inaugural “Seat at the Table”**

**Who:** Lt. Governor Molly Gray will host a panel of speakers who will highlight the myriad ways this pandemic has changed the way Vermonters access services, learning, health, economic opportunity and civic engagement.

**Speakers**

*Betsy Bishop* - President, Vermont Chamber of Commerce  
*Zach Tomanelli* - Communications & Engagement Director, VPIRG  
*Jessa Barnard* - Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society  
*Philene Taormina* - Director of Advocacy, AARP-Vermont  
*Jay Nichols* - Executive Director, Vermont Principals’ Association

**What:** The Lt. Governor’s “Seat at the Table Series.” This first meeting will highlight the diverse and evolving needs of Vermonters linked to broadband access. Most notably, the essentialness of broadband to the economic and social well-being of Vermonters. The event aims to inform the ways in which the state can unite in action and a readiness plan across impacted communities and groups to close the broadband gap. The panel discussion will be followed by the opportunity for all those present to share their questions and comments.

**Where:** Zoom, register to receive a link.

**When:** 12:30pm, February 8, 2021

**Notes:** Additional details and registration: <https://ltgov.vermont.gov/seatatthetable>

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