

And one final comment. You have before you legislation that is wisely conceived. Properly funded, it can be of great importance to American education and the society as a whole. But while the concept of networks for knowledge is relatively new, it is not entirely unexplored.

A substantial amount of conceptual work has been done, and a few operational projects, including the new Indiana Higher Education Telecommunications Network, are beginning to make use of existing knowledge. The funds authorized here should be used for operations and for development, and not for multiple reinventions of the wheel.

May I add my voice to those who urge passage of this important and imaginative legislation.

Thanks very much for the opportunity to discuss these ideas with you today.

(The diagrams accompanying the statement are as follows:)