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**JULIÁN CASTRO TO VISIT NEW YORK CITY & DURHAM, NC TO HIGHLIGHT INITIATIVE TO
EXPAND BROADBAND ACCESS FOR STUDENTS IN
HUD-ASSISTED HOUSING**

"ConnectHome" program to provide affordable internet access for low-income families

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WASHINGTON - On Thursday, July 16th, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary Julián Castro will travel to New York City and Durham, NC to join Mayors Bill de Blasio and Bill Bell in highlighting the announcement of ConnectHome, a new initiative with communities, the private sector, and federal government to expand high-speed broadband to low-income families living in HUD-assisted households.

The pilot program is launching in twenty-seven cities and one tribal nation and will initially reach over 275,000 low-income households – and nearly 200,000 children – with the support they need to access the Internet at home. Internet Service Providers, non-profits and the private sector will offer broadband access, technical training, digital literacy programs, and devices for residents in assisted housing units.

For more information, please visit ConnectHome.HUD.gov.

DETAILS for THURSDAY, JULY 16th EVENTS:
 <u>NEW YORK CITY:</u>

WHO: Julián Castro, HUD Secretary
                      Bill de Blasio, New York City Mayor
WHEN: 9:00 AM EDT
WHERE: Throggs Neck Houses Community Center, 550 Balcom Ave, Bronx, NY

<u>DURHAM, NC:</u>
 WHO: Julián Castro, HUD Secretary
                      William Bell, Durham Mayor
WHEN: 2:30 PM EDT
WHERE: T.A. Grady Recreation Center, 531 Lakeland Street, Durham, NC

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