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Atlantic Broadband, the eighth-largest cable operator in the U.S., today announced that it has launched WiFi Your Way TM, a best-in-class managed home WiFi solution powered by Plume HomePass ® that will provide expanded WiFi coverage with enhanced reliability and superfast speed in every area of the home.

The new service, which uses Plume's cloud-based artificial intelligence (AI) technology and is accessed via the WiFi Your Way App, features: *Adapt TM* continually learns and self-optimizes proactively to deliver greater speed and coverage throughout the home.

*Control TM* provides intuitive tools for personalization, allowing the user to set guest and child access controls (including age-appropriate content filters).

*Speed Test* capabilities are built-in so customers can easily monitor internet speed and performance.

*Guard TM* provides best-in-class online security powered by AI that detects and protects in real time. The system halts suspicious activity, blocks ad and malware and quarantines any compromised devices.

*Sense TM* uses WiFi-connected devices to provide whole-home motion awareness in real time for peace of mind and among many use-cases, provides alerts if there is motion when a customer is out of the home.

The WiFi Your Way App (for iOS and Android devices) guides customers through an easy self-installation of SuperPods, which plug into a wall outlet to provide superfast whole-home coverage. The SuperPods work with any Atlantic Broadband gateway or modem. Customers lease the SuperPods rather than purchase them, keeping upfront costs down for customers.

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"Home WiFi is the way customers most commonly experience our internet service, so it must be the best it can be," said Heather McCallion, Vice President of Products and Programming for Atlantic Broadband. "As in-home WiFi becomes increasingly important to our customers, their in-home networks must be reliable, fast and deliver the connectivity they need to work and learn from home. Now, through our partnership with Plume, Atlantic Broadband's high-capacity, fiber-rich network will be joined with a powerful in-home network to deliver a phenomenal WiFi experience with wall-to-wall coverage, personalized controls and superfast speeds up to 1 Gig."

"Plume is thrilled to enable Atlantic Broadband to deliver an unparalleled in-home experience by providing access to an expanded and highly personalized managed WiFi experience featuring high-speed connectivity, parental controls and guest access, tightly secured devices and more," said Tyson Marian, Chief Commercial Officer at Plume. "Now more than ever subscribers need access to an expanded set of in-home experiences to enrich their daily lives—by rolling out WiFi Your Way powered by Plume HomePass, Atlantic Broadband has introduced a powerful solution to meet the needs of the ever-changing smart home." – **ABB news release**

Police who guard the Pennsylvania Capitol are working to be more visible and have been coordinating plans with other agencies to secure the building since a violent mob stormed and occupied the U.S. Capitol last week, a Department of General Services spokesperson said Monday.

Troy Thompson, speaking for the state agency that oversees the Capitol Police, said efforts to ensure the safety of those working in the building and the protection of the complex began after the riot Wednesday that followed a rally speech by President Donald Trump. "The PA Capitol Police is enhancing its visible presence and will continue to collaborate with other law enforcement entities," Thompson said, noting the building is closed to all visitors because of the pandemic.

As for the potential for mass gatherings at the Capitol in the days or weeks ahead, Thompson said the agency hasn't been contacted by anyone regarding a permit. People can usually assemble outside the building without a permit, but they can't use space for which another group has already received a permit, Thompson said. All permitted gatherings are posted on the General Services website.

Senate President Pro Tempore Jake Corman, R-Centre, said Monday that he has kept in touch in recent days with the Senate security force and that he expects to meet in person with them Tuesday. "The Capitol Police, obviously, protect the building," Corman said. "We have Senate security, which I oversee. And we have been in touch with our head of security in the Senate." He said Capitol Police can request additional resources if needed. "As of now, they have not asked for any new resources," Corman said.

State police spokesperson Ryan Tarkowski said his agency has been working with the state's emergency management agency and the Capitol Police "and will assist with personnel and other resources as necessary in the event of civil unrest." He said the planning includes troopers stationed in Harrisburg, personnel at headquarters, the Bureau of Emergency and Special Operations and the Pennsylvania Criminal Intelligence Center. "We are confident that PSP has the resources in place to protect Pennsylvanians against threats and to work with all levels of law enforcement to keep the Commonwealth safe," Tarkowski said in a statement.

Republican leaders of both legislative chambers said Monday they were not aware of any legislative employees or sitting state lawmakers, except Sen. Doug Mastriano, R-Franklin, being at the scene of the Capitol attack in Washington last week. Corman and Senate Majority Leader Kim Ward, R-Westmoreland, have said Mastriano's account of his actions in Washington do not warrant action by the chamber.

Mastriano issued a statement late Wednesday saying he did not enter the Capitol or go beyond police lines, and left with his wife when he realized it was not peaceful. Senate Democrats have said Mastriano should resign. "Senator Mastriano said he did not enter the Capitol Building nor incite violence while exercising his Constitutionally protected First Amendment right last week so no charges have been filed against him," Ward said in an email Monday. "Let me know if I'm wrong." House Republican spokesperson Jason Gottesman said members and employees are bound by House rules, and that "everybody is bound by the law and there are ongoing state and federal criminal investigations into law week's events." – **Associated Press**

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Comcast Corp. on Monday joined several other major American corporations in taking a tough stance against the 147 Republican politicians who voted against accepting the presidential vote totals — cutting off campaign money to them.

The giant cable firm, one of Philadelphia's largest employers, condemned "the appalling violence we witnessed at the U.S. Capitol." "Our focus," it said in a statement, "needs to be on working together for the good of the entire nation. Consistent with that view, we will suspend all of our political contributions to those elected officials who voted against certification of the Electoral College votes, which will give us the opportunity to review our political giving policies and practices."

The funding suspension by Comcast, as well as the same move by Marriott and many other firms, was the most aggressive step in a continuum of campaign-finance action by some of the nation's biggest companies. Other large firms, such as Google, Facebook, Microsoft and, locally, the Vanguard Group, halted all political contributions to both Republicans and Democrats. Finance firm such as Goldman Sachs, BlackRock and JP Morgan said they were doing the same. BlackRock told employees in a memo that its decision was spurred by "the horrific events in the nation's capital."

But Comcast and Marriott, the world's largest hotel chain, and others zeroed in on only the GOP vote objectors. The hotel firm said its suspension of giving to 139 Republican U.S. representatives and eight senators was driven by "the destructive events at the Capitol to undermine a legitimate and fair election." The Blue Cross Blue Shield Association said it would do the same, pledging to halt giving to "to those lawmakers who voted to undermine our democracy."

American Express also provided a targeted response, telling its workforce it was halting contributions to the Congress members who voted "to subvert the presidential election results and disrupt the peaceful transition of power." Hallmark Cards took an especially pointed line. The card maker's PAC asked that Sen. Josh Hawley (R., Mo.) and Sen. Roger Marshall (R., Kan.) return its donations. The committee gave \$7,000 to Hawley's campaign and \$5,000 to Marshall's in the last two years. Hawley, in particular, was a leader in the bid to reject the Electoral College votes for Democratic President-elect Joe Biden. "Hallmark believes the peaceful transition of power is part of the bedrock of our democratic system, and we abhor violence of any kind," JiaoJiao Shen, a Hallmark official, said in a statement Monday. "The recent actions of Senators Josh Hawley and Roger Marshall do not reflect our company's values."

With myriad regulatory issues in Washington, Comcast is a major political player, known for its heavy campaign giving and lobbying clout. In the last two-year election cycle, the corporation's PAC gave \$916,000 to the 147 U.S. House members and senators who voted against certifying Biden as the next president, according to analysis by Center for Responsive Politics. Comcast's PAC was seventh among the top 10 PACs in terms of giving to the 147 GOP politicians. Ahead of it were a PAC associated with House Minority Leader

Kevin McCarthy (no. 1 at \$1.3 million), and PACs for banks, Realtors, Koch Industries, AT&T, and the National Auto Dealers Association.

In other decisions, Dow Chemical said its decision to cut off political donations to the 147 Republican U.S. representatives and senators would last for an entire election cycle — two years for House members and six years for senators. Commerce Bank — with branches in five mostly Midwestern states — said in a statement that its PAC has “suspended all support for officials who have impeded the peaceful transfer of power.” Some of the corporate decisions were first reported by the newsletter Popular Information.

Charles Schwab, after spending nearly \$550,000 on PAC contributions in the last two years, said it was halting contribution to all politicians for the rest of this year. Airbnb said in a statement it was withholding PAC money from the GOP politicians “who voted against the certification of the presidential election results.” Some political operatives doubted that companies would be able to refrain from PAC donations for too long. “The vast majority of these guys will be back at the table,” said a former White House official who departed last year, requesting anonymity to speak candidly. “When they see policies that threaten their business, they’ll have to be.”

The PACs of tech giants Facebook, Google, and Microsoft donated more than \$4.2 million over the last two years, according to Center for Responsive Politics. Marriott’s PAC gave more than \$410,000 in the last election cycle, according to Federal Election Commission data. Its PAC, like others tied to businesses, is funded by employee donations. Corporations are forbidden from giving directly to federal candidates. More pressure looms: The Lincoln Project, an anti-Trump group, says that in the coming days it will launch an ad campaign targeting companies that bankroll Republicans who voted against certifying the vote. — *Philadelphia Inquirer*

