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117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To require the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to submit a plan to Congress to track requests for communications use authorization on Federal land.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. HUDSON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To require the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to submit a plan to Congress to track requests for communications use authorization on Federal land.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Federal Broadband
5 Deployment Tracking Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON TRACKING FORM 299 REQUESTS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
3 date of the enactment of this Act, the Assistant Secretary
4 shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress
5 a report containing the elements described in subsection
6 (b).

7 (b) ELEMENTS DESCRIBED.—The elements described
8 in this subsection are the following:

9 (1) A plan describing how the Assistant Sec-
10 retary will track the acceptance, processing, and dis-
11 posal of a Form 299 submitted to the Secretary con-
12 cerned by a requesting party.

13 (2) A description of how the Assistant Sec-
14 retary would most expeditiously implement the plan
15 described in paragraph (1).

16 (3) A description of how the Assistant Sec-
17 retary may increase transparency to a requesting
18 party on the status of a Form 299 received by the
19 Secretary concerned.

20 (4) A description of any barriers the Assistant
21 Secretary determines could delay the implementation
22 of the plan described in paragraph (1).

23 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

24 (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
25 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
26 gress” means—

1 (A) the Committee on Energy and Com-
2 merce of the House of Representatives; and

3 (B) the Committee on Commerce, Science,
4 and Transportation of the Senate.

5 (2) ASSISTANT SECRETARY.—The term “Assist-
6 ant Secretary” means the Assistant Secretary of
7 Commerce for Communications and Information.

8 (3) FORM 299.—The term “Form 299” means
9 the form developed pursuant to section
10 6409(b)(2)(A) of the Middle Class Tax Relief and
11 Job Creation Act of 2012 (47 U.S.C.
12 1455(b)(2)(A)), or any successor form.

13 (4) NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM.—The term
14 “National Forest System” has the meaning given
15 the term in section 11(a) of the Forest and Range-
16 land Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 (16
17 U.S.C. 1609(a)).

18 (5) PUBLIC LAND.—The term “public land”
19 means land under the management of—

20 (A) the Bureau of Land Management;

21 (B) the National Park Service;

22 (C) the United States Fish and Wildlife
23 Service; or

24 (D) the Bureau of Reclamation.

1 (6) SECRETARY CONCERNED.—The term “Sec-
2 retary concerned” means—

3 (A) the Secretary of the Interior, with re-
4 spect to public land; and

5 (B) the Secretary of Agriculture, with re-
6 spect to National Forest System land.