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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. CRAIG introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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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 “Broadband - Meas-
5 uring Availability and Aligning Policies Task Force Act”
6 or the “Broadband MAPS Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. BROADBAND MAAPS TASK FORCE.**

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 30 days after
3 the date of the enactment of this section, the Commission
4 shall establish the Broadband MAAPS Task Force.

5 (b) CHAIR.—The Commission shall designate a Chair
6 of the Task Force.

7 (c) MEMBERSHIP.—The members of the Task Force
8 shall include designees selected by the Commission from
9 bureaus and offices of the Commission.

10 (d) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Task Force shall be re-
11 sponsible for the following:

12 (1) Coordinate, monitor, and oversee the work
13 of the bureaus and offices to implement title VIII of
14 the Communications Act (47 U.S.C. 641 et seq.)
15 and the Secure and Trusted Communications Net-
16 works Act of 2019 (47 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.), includ-
17 ing creating and updating the broadband availability
18 maps.

19 (2) Identify any ongoing and anticipated Com-
20 mission action, including any report, rulemaking,
21 and funding program, such as the Universal Service
22 Fund programs, that should be informed by the
23 broadband availability maps.

24 (3) Ensure that any relevant ongoing and an-
25 ticipated Commission action, including any report,
26 rulemaking, and funding program, such as the Uni-

1 versal Service Fund programs, is informed by the
2 broadband availability maps.

3 (4) Not later than 18 months after the date of
4 the enactment of this section, provide the commit-
5 tees of jurisdiction an estimate of the ongoing cost
6 associated with maintaining the broadband avail-
7 ability maps.

8 (5) Provide any recommendation, if necessary,
9 to the committees of jurisdiction to ensure that the
10 Commission can produce accurate broadband avail-
11 ability maps with sufficient granularity to allow the
12 Commission to determine the areas in the United
13 States that lack broadband internet access service.

14 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 (1) BROADBAND AVAILABILITY MAPS.—The
16 term “broadband availability maps” means the maps
17 required under section 802 of the Communications
18 Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 642).

19 (2) BROADBAND INTERNET ACCESS SERVICE.—
20 The term “broadband internet access service” has
21 the meaning given that term in section 8.1(b) of title
22 47, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor
23 regulation.

24 (3) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”
25 means the Federal Communications Commission.

1 (4) COMMITTEES OF JURISDICTION.—The term
2 “committees of jurisdiction” means the Committee
3 on Energy and Commerce of the House of Rep-
4 resentatives and the Committee on Commerce,
5 Science, and Transportation of the Senate.

6 (5) TASK FORCE.—The term “Task Force”
7 means the Broadband MAAPS Task Force estab-
8 lished pursuant to subsection (a).

9 (6) UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND PROGRAM.—The
10 term “Universal Service Fund program” means any
11 program authorized in section 254(h) of the Com-
12 munications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 254(h)).

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