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H. R. 1212

To prohibit the Federal Communications Commission from reclassifying broadband Internet access service as a telecommunications service and from imposing certain regulations on providers of such service.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 3, 2015

Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. OLSON, Mr. LATTA, Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana, Mrs. ELLMERS of North Carolina, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. FLORES, Mr. LANCE, Mr. BARTON, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. PITTS, Mr. HARPER, Mr. POMPEO, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. COLLINS of New York, and Mr. BURGESS) 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 “Internet Freedom
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY OF FCC.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The rule adopted by the Federal
3 Communications Commission in GN Docket No. 14–28 on
4 February 26, 2015 (relating to broadband Internet access
5 service) shall have no force or effect, and the Commission
6 may not reissue such rule in substantially the same form,
7 or issue a new rule that is substantially the same as such
8 rule, unless the reissued or new rule is specifically author-
9 ized by a law enacted after the date of the enactment of
10 this Act.

11 (b) EXCEPTION.—This section does not apply to any
12 rule that the Federal Communications Commission deter-
13 mines necessary—

14 (1) to prevent damage to the national security
15 of the United States;

16 (2) to ensure the public safety; or

17 (3) to assist or facilitate any actions taken by
18 a Federal or State law enforcement agency.

19 (c) RULE DEFINED.—In this section, the term “rule”
20 has the meaning given such term in section 804 of title
21 5, United States Code.

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