

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1610

To direct the Federal Communications Commission to prioritize the timely processing of certain long-form applications in the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Phase I auction.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 8, 2021

Mr. BERGMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

To direct the Federal Communications Commission to prioritize the timely processing of certain long-form applications in the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Phase I auction.

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 “Rural Broadband Win-
5 dow of Opportunity Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

7 The purpose of this Act is to level the playing field
8 for service providers participating in the Rural Digital Op-

1 portunity Fund that are disadvantaged by short construc-
2 tion seasons.

3 **SEC. 3. APPLICATION PROCESSING PRIORITIZATION.**

4 With respect to the long-form applicants of the Rural
5 Digital Opportunity Fund Phase I auction provided for
6 in the Report and Order in the matter of Rural Digital
7 Opportunity Fund and Connect America Fund adopted by
8 the Federal Communications Commission (in this section
9 referred to as the “Commission”) on December 7, 2020
10 (FCC 20–5), the Commission shall prioritize the timely
11 processing of long-form applications and any subsequent
12 paperwork (in this section referred to as the “applica-
13 tions”) submitted by the long-form applicants as follows:
14 The Commission shall prioritize the timely processing of
15 applications which are proposing to provide service in geo-
16 graphic areas which the Commission determines to have
17 the shortest construction seasons (such as in areas charac-
18 terized by long winters with heavy snowfall).

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