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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax benefits for investments in gigabit opportunity zones.

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Mr. COLLINS of Georgia (for himself and Mr. SMITH of Missouri) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax benefits for investments in gigabit opportunity zones.

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 “Gigabit Opportunity
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. GIGABIT OPPORTUNITY ZONES.**

7 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONES AND BENEFITS.**—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 1 of the Internal
2 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the
3 end the following:

4 **“Subchapter Z—Gigabit Opportunity Zones**

 “Sec. 1400Z–1. Designation.

 “Sec. 1400Z–2. Deferral for eligible taxpayer of capital gains invested in gigabit opportunity zones.

 “Sec. 1400Z–3. Immediate expensing of qualified gigabit opportunity zone business property.

5 **“SEC. 1400Z–1. DESIGNATION.**

6 “(a) QUALIFIED GIGABIT OPPORTUNITY ZONE DE-
7 FINED.—For the purposes of this subchapter, the term
8 ‘qualified gigabit opportunity zone’ means a population
9 census tract that is a low-income community—

10 “(1) which is located in a jurisdiction—

11 “(A) that has been certified by Secretary,
12 in consultation with the National Telecommuni-
13 cations and Information Administration, as
14 having adopted the Uniform Model Broadband
15 Deployment Act prescribed by the Federal
16 Communications Commission pursuant to sec-
17 tion 4 of the Gigabit Opportunity Act, or

18 “(B) which has been determined by the
19 Secretary, in consultation with the National
20 Telecommunications and Information Adminis-
21 tration, to have adopted laws which are com-
22 parable to such Model Broadband Development
23 Act, and

1 “(2) which is designated as a qualified gigabit
2 opportunity zone.

3 Paragraph (1)(B) shall not apply with respect to any ju-
4 risdiction for which a determination has been made after
5 the date which is 3 years after the date of the enactment
6 of this section.

7 “(b) DESIGNATION.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of subsection
9 (a)(3), a population census tract that is a low-in-
10 come community and which meets the requirements
11 of paragraph (1) of subsection (a) is designated as
12 a qualified gigabit opportunity zone if—

13 “(A) not later than the end of the deter-
14 mination period, the governor of the State in
15 which the tract is located—

16 “(i) nominates the tract for designa-
17 tion as a qualified gigabit opportunity
18 zone, and

19 “(ii) notifies the Secretary in writing
20 of such nomination, and

21 “(B) the Secretary certifies such nomina-
22 tion and designates such tract as a qualified
23 gigabit opportunity zone before the end of the
24 consideration period.

1 “(2) EXTENSION OF PERIODS.—A governor
2 may request that the Secretary extend either the de-
3 termination or consideration period, or both (deter-
4 mined without regard to this subparagraph), for an
5 additional 30 days.

6 “(c) OTHER DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this
7 subsection—

8 “(1) LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES.—The term
9 ‘low-income community’ has the same meaning as
10 when used in section 45D(e).

11 “(2) DEFINITION OF PERIODS.—

12 “(A) CONSIDERATION PERIOD.—The term
13 ‘consideration period’ means the 30-day period
14 beginning on the date on which the Secretary
15 receives notice under subsection (b)(1)(A)(ii),
16 as extended under subsection (b)(2).

17 “(B) DETERMINATION PERIOD.—The term
18 ‘determination period’ means the 90-day period
19 beginning on the date on which the State
20 adopts the Uniform Model Broadband Act de-
21 scribed in subsection (a)(1)(A), as extended
22 under subsection (b)(2).

23 “(d) GUIDANCE FOR OPPORTUNITY ZONE NOMINA-
24 TIONS.—When considering the nomination of qualified
25 gigabit opportunity zones, governors should strive for the

1 creation of qualified gigabit opportunity zones that are
2 geographically concentrated and contiguous clusters of
3 population census tracts and should give particular consid-
4 eration to areas that—

5 “(1) are currently facing obstacles to economic
6 development due to a lack of geographic broadband
7 coverage or a lack of broadband speed,

8 “(2) are currently the focus of mutually rein-
9 forcing State, local, or private economic development
10 initiatives, and

11 “(3)(A) are poised for economic growth that re-
12 quires access to high speed broadband for commer-
13 cial purposes, and

14 “(B) represent the areas of a State where such
15 service would result in the highest return on invest-
16 ment.

17 “(e) NUMBER OF DESIGNATIONS.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by
19 paragraph (2), the number of population census
20 tracts in a State that may be designated as qualified
21 gigabit opportunity zones under this section may not
22 exceed 25 percent of the number of low-income com-
23 munities in the State.

24 “(2) EXCEPTION.—If the number of low-income
25 communities in a State is less than 100, then a total

1 of 25 of such tracts may be designated as qualified
2 gigabit opportunity zones.

3 “(f) DESIGNATION OF TRACTS CONTIGUOUS WITH
4 LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A population census tract
6 that is not a low-income community may be des-
7 ignated as a qualified gigabit opportunity zone under
8 this section if—

9 “(A) such tract meets the requirements of
10 paragraph (1) of subsection (a),

11 “(B) the tract is contiguous with the low-
12 income community that is designated as a
13 qualified gigabit opportunity zone, and

14 “(C) the median family income of the tract
15 does not exceed 150 percent of the median fam-
16 ily income of the low-income community with
17 which the tract is contiguous.

18 “(2) LIMITATION.—Not more than 25 percent
19 of the population census tracts designated in a State
20 as a qualified gigabit opportunity zone may be des-
21 ignated under paragraph (1).

22 “(g) PERIOD FOR WHICH DESIGNATION IS IN EF-
23 FECT.—A designation as a qualified gigabit opportunity
24 zone shall remain in effect for the period beginning on
25 the date of the designation and ending at the close of the

1 7th calendar year beginning on or after such date of des-
2 ignation.

3 **“SEC. 1400Z-2. DEFERRAL FOR ELIGIBLE TAXPAYER OF**
4 **CAPITAL GAINS INVESTED IN GIGABIT OP-**
5 **PORTUNITY ZONES.**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—

7 “(1) EXCLUSION OF GAIN INVESTED IN GIG-
8 ABIT OPPORTUNITY ZONE PROPERTY.—In the case
9 of gain from the sale to, or exchange with, an unre-
10 lated person of any property held by an eligible tax-
11 payer, at the election of the eligible taxpayer—

12 “(A) gross income for the taxable year
13 shall not include so much of such gain as does
14 not exceed the aggregate cost of all qualified
15 gigabit opportunity zone property acquired by
16 the taxpayer during the 180-day period begin-
17 ning on the date of such sale or exchange, and

18 “(B) the amount of gain excluded by sub-
19 paragraph (A) shall be included in gross income
20 as provided by paragraph (2).

21 “(2) DEFERRAL OF GAIN INVESTED IN QUALI-
22 FIED GIGABIT OPPORTUNITY ZONE PROPERTY.—

23 “(A) YEAR OF INCLUSION.—Except as
24 provided by subparagraph (C), gain to which
25 paragraph (1)(B) applies shall be included in

1 income in the taxable year in which the quali-
2 fied gigabit opportunity zone property related to
3 such gain is sold or exchanged in the amount
4 determined under subparagraph (B).

5 “(B) AMOUNT INCLUDIBLE.—The amount
6 of gain determined under this clause shall be—

7 “(i) 100 percent of such gain in the
8 case of the sale or exchange of the quali-
9 fied gigabit opportunity zone property with
10 respect to which gain is deferred under
11 paragraph (1) that is held for less than 5
12 years,

13 “(ii) 90 percent of such gain in the
14 case of the sale or exchange of the quali-
15 fied gigabit opportunity zone property with
16 respect to which gain is deferred under
17 paragraph (1) that is held for at least 5
18 years but less than 7 years, and

19 “(iii) 85 percent of such gain in the
20 case of the sale or exchange of the quali-
21 fied gigabit opportunity zone property with
22 respect to which gain is deferred under
23 paragraph (1) that is held for at least 7
24 years.

1 “(3) EXCLUSION OF GAIN ON QUALIFIED GIG-
2 ABIT OPPORTUNITY ZONE PROPERTY HELD FOR AT
3 LEAST 10 YEARS.—Except as provided in paragraph
4 (2), in the case of the sale or exchange of qualified
5 gigabit opportunity zone property, or an investment
6 in a qualified opportunity fund, held for at least 10
7 years, gross income for the taxable year shall not in-
8 clude any gain from the sale or exchange of such
9 property or investment.

10 “(4) ONE ELECTION PER PROPERTY.—No elec-
11 tion may be made under paragraph (1) with respect
12 to a sale or exchange if an election previously made
13 with respect to such sale or exchange is in effect.

14 “(b) BASIS RULES RELATING TO QUALIFIED GIG-
15 ABIT OPPORTUNITY ZONE PROPERTY.—

16 “(1) REDUCED BY GAIN DEFERRED UNDER
17 SUBSECTION (a)(1).—The basis of a qualified gig-
18 abit opportunity zone property immediately after its
19 acquisition under subsection (a) shall be reduced by
20 the amount of gain deferred by reason of subsection
21 (a)(1)(A) with respect to such property.

22 “(2) INCREASE FOR GAIN RECOGNIZED UNDER
23 SUBSECTION (a)(2).—The basis of qualified gigabit
24 opportunity zone property shall be increased by the

1 amount of gain recognized by reason of subsection
2 (a)(2) with respect to such property.

3 “(3) SUBSEQUENT INCREASE IN BASIS FOR
4 PROPERTY HELD FOR AT LEAST 5 YEARS BUT LESS
5 THAN 10 YEARS.—In the case of qualified gigabit op-
6 portunity zone property held for at least 5 years but
7 less than 10 years—

8 “(A) PROPERTY HELD FOR 5 YEARS.—For
9 qualified gigabit opportunity zone property held
10 for at least 5 years, the basis of such property
11 shall be increased by an amount equal to 10
12 percent of the amount of gain deferred by rea-
13 son of subsection (a)(1)(A) with respect to such
14 property.

15 “(B) PROPERTY HELD FOR 7 YEARS.—For
16 qualified gigabit opportunity zone property held
17 for at least 7 years, the basis of such property
18 shall be increased by an amount equal to 5 per-
19 cent of the amount of gain deferred by reason
20 of subsection (a)(1)(A) with respect to such
21 property.

22 “(c) ELIGIBLE TAXPAYER.—For purposes of this sec-
23 tion, the term ‘eligible taxpayer’ means any taxpayer who
24 has a trade or business a substantial part of which con-
25 sists of selling broadband Internet service to commercial

1 customers, residential customers, or both through one or
2 a combination of the following technologies:

3 “(1) Digital Subscriber Line transmission tech-
4 nology that transmits data faster over traditional
5 copper telephone lines, without regards to the spe-
6 cific type of Digital Subscriber Line transmission
7 technology such as Asymmetrical Digital Subscriber
8 Line, Symmetrical Digital Subscriber Line, High
9 data rate Digital Subscriber Line, or Very High
10 data rate Digital Subscriber Line.

11 “(2) Cable Modem transmission technology that
12 enables operators to provide broadband using the
13 same coaxial cables that deliver pictures and sound
14 to televisions.

15 “(3) Fiber optic transmission technology that
16 converts electrical signals carrying data to light and
17 sends the light through transparent glass fibers.

18 “(4) Wireless transmission technology that uti-
19 lizes a radio link between the customer’s location
20 and the service provider’s facility, whether mobile or
21 fixed.

22 “(5) Satellite transmission technology that pro-
23 vides broadband links via orbiting satellites.

24 “(6) Broadband over powerline transmission
25 technology that delivers broadband over the existing

1 low- and medium-voltage electric power distribution
2 network.

3 “(7) Such other technologies as the Secretary,
4 in consultation with the Federal Communications
5 Commission, may designate by rule as a broadband
6 provider technology.

7 “(d) QUALIFIED GIGABIT OPPORTUNITY ZONE
8 PROPERTY.—For purposes of this section:

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘qualified gigabit
10 opportunity zone property’ means property which
11 is—

12 “(A) qualified gigabit opportunity zone
13 stock,

14 “(B) qualified gigabit opportunity zone
15 partnership interest,

16 “(C) qualified gigabit opportunity zone
17 business property, or

18 “(D) an interest in a qualified investment
19 fund.

20 “(2) QUALIFIED GIGABIT OPPORTUNITY ZONE
21 STOCK.—

22 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
23 subparagraph (B), the term ‘qualified gigabit
24 opportunity zone stock’ means any stock in a
25 domestic corporation if—

1 “(i) such stock is acquired by the tax-
2 payer after December 31, 2017, at its
3 original issue (directly or through an un-
4 derwriter) from the corporation solely in
5 exchange for cash,

6 “(ii) as of the time such stock was
7 issued, such corporation was a qualified
8 gigabit opportunity zone business (or, in
9 the case of a new corporation, such cor-
10 poration was being organized for purposes
11 of being a qualified gigabit opportunity
12 zone business), and

13 “(iii) during substantially all of the
14 taxpayer’s holding period for such stock,
15 such corporation qualified as a qualified
16 gigabit opportunity zone business.

17 “(B) REDEMPTIONS.—A rule similar to
18 the rule of section 1202(c)(3) shall apply for
19 purposes of this paragraph.

20 “(3) QUALIFIED GIGABIT OPPORTUNITY ZONE
21 PARTNERSHIP INTEREST.—The term ‘qualified gig-
22 abit opportunity zone partnership interest’ means
23 any capital or profits interest in a domestic partner-
24 ship if—

1 “(A) such interest is acquired by the tax-
2 payer after December 31, 2017, from the part-
3 nership solely in exchange for cash,

4 “(B) as of the time such interest was ac-
5 quired, such partnership was a qualified gigabit
6 opportunity zone business (or, in the case of a
7 new partnership, such partnership was being
8 organized for purposes of being a qualified gig-
9 abit opportunity zone business), and

10 “(C) during substantially all of the tax-
11 payer’s holding period for such interest, such
12 partnership qualified as a qualified gigabit op-
13 portunity zone business.

14 “(4) QUALIFIED GIGABIT OPPORTUNITY ZONE
15 BUSINESS PROPERTY.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘qualified
17 gigabit opportunity zone business property’
18 means tangible property used in a trade or
19 business of the taxpayer if—

20 “(i) such property—

21 “(I) is used primarily to provide
22 broadband transmission services to lo-
23 cations which do not have such service
24 that meets the minimum speed re-
25 quirements required for universal

1 service support under Phase II of the
2 Connect America Fund of the Federal
3 Communications Commission, as set
4 forth under subpart D of part 54 of
5 title 47, Code of Federal Regulations,
6 and

7 “(II) is capable of transmitting
8 signals at a rate of at least
9 1,000,000,000 bits per second,

10 “(ii) such property was acquired by
11 the taxpayer by purchase (as defined in
12 section 179(d)(2)) after December 31,
13 2017,

14 “(iii) the original use of such property
15 in the qualified gigabit opportunity zone
16 commences with the taxpayer or the tax-
17 payer substantially improves the property,
18 and

19 “(iv) during substantially all of the
20 taxpayer’s holding period for such prop-
21 erty, substantially all of the use of such
22 property was in a qualified gigabit oppor-
23 tunity zone.

24 “(B) SPECIAL RULE FOR CERTAIN PROP-
25 ERTY.—In the case of property which is placed

1 in service before January 1, 2021, and which is
2 with respect to technology described in para-
3 graph (4) or (5) of subsection (c), subpara-
4 graph (A)(i)(II) shall be applied by substituting
5 ‘150,000,000 bits per second’ for
6 ‘1,000,000,000 bits per second’.

7 “(C) SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT.—For
8 purposes of subparagraph (A)(iii), property
9 shall be treated as substantially improved by
10 the taxpayer only if, during any 30-month pe-
11 riod beginning after the date of acquisition of
12 such property, additions to basis with respect to
13 such property in the hands of the taxpayer ex-
14 ceed an amount equal to the adjusted basis of
15 such property at the beginning of such 30-
16 month period in the hands of the taxpayer.

17 “(D) TREATMENT OF RELATED PAR-
18 TIES.—For purposes of subparagraph (A)(ii),
19 the rules of subparagraph (A) of section
20 179(d)(2) shall be applied using the relation-
21 ship described in subsection (e)(2) in lieu of the
22 relationship described in such subparagraph.

23 “(5) QUALIFIED GIGABIT OPPORTUNITY
24 FUND.—The term ‘qualified gigabit opportunity
25 fund’ means any investment vehicle organized as a

1 corporation or a partnership for the purpose of in-
2 vesting in qualified gigabit opportunity zone prop-
3 erty (other than another qualified opportunity fund)
4 that holds at least 90 percent of its assets in quali-
5 fied opportunity zone property, determined—

6 “(A) on the last day of the first 6-month
7 period of the taxable year of the fund, and

8 “(B) on the last day of the taxable year of
9 the fund.

10 “(6) QUALIFIED GIGABIT OPPORTUNITY ZONE
11 BUSINESS.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘qualified
13 gigabit opportunity zone business’ means a
14 trade or business—

15 “(i) in which substantially all of the
16 tangible property owned or leased by the
17 taxpayer is qualified gigabit opportunity
18 zone business property,

19 “(ii) which satisfies the requirements
20 of paragraphs (2), (4), and (8) of section
21 1397C(b), and

22 “(iii) which is not described in section
23 144(c)(6)(B).

24 “(B) SPECIAL RULE.—For purposes of
25 subparagraph (A), tangible property that ceases

1 to be a qualified gigabit opportunity zone busi-
2 ness property shall continue to be treated as a
3 qualified gigabit opportunity zone business
4 property for the lesser of—

5 “(i) 5 years after the date on which
6 such tangible property ceases to be so
7 qualified, or

8 “(ii) the date on which such tangible
9 property is no longer held by the qualified
10 gigabit opportunity zone business.

11 “(e) APPLICABLE RULES.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this sec-
13 tion and except as otherwise provided in this section,
14 rules similar to the rules applicable to deferred like
15 kind exchanges under section 1031 shall apply ex-
16 cept that reinvestment in qualified gigabit oppor-
17 tunity zone property need not require an inter-
18 mediary party.

19 “(2) RELATED PERSONS.—For purposes of this
20 subsection, persons are related to each other if such
21 persons are described in section 267(b) or 707(b)(1),
22 determined by substituting ‘20 percent’ for ‘50 per-
23 cent’ each place it occurs in such sections.

24 “(3) DECEDENTS.—In the case of a decedent,
25 amounts recognized under this section shall, if not

1 properly includible in the gross income of the dece-
2 dent, be includible in gross income as provided by
3 section 691.

4 “(4) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall pre-
5 scribe such regulations as may be necessary or ap-
6 propriate to carry out the purposes of this section,
7 including—

8 “(A) rules providing for proportionate in-
9 clusion in income and increases in basis for
10 purposes of subsections (a) and (b) in cases in
11 which a sale or exchange of any qualified gig-
12 abit opportunity zone property with respect to
13 which gain is deferred under subsection
14 (a)(1)(A) is less than all of such property,

15 “(B) rules requiring taxpayers to provide
16 such information as the Secretary determines to
17 be necessary or appropriate for the identifica-
18 tion of both the assets sold (including basis and
19 sale price) and the assets acquired and invest-
20 ments made, and

21 “(C) rules to prevent abuse.

1 **“SEC. 1400Z-3. IMMEDIATE EXPENSING OF QUALIFIED GIG-**
2 **ABIT OPPORTUNITY ZONE BUSINESS PROP-**
3 **ERTY.**

4 “(a) IN GENERAL.—An eligible taxpayer may elect
5 to treat the cost of any qualified gigabit opportunity zone
6 business property (as defined in section 1400Z-2) as an
7 expense which is not chargeable to capital account. Any
8 cost so treated shall be allowed as a deduction for the tax-
9 able year in which the qualified gigabit opportunity zone
10 business property is placed in service.

11 “(b) ELIGIBLE TAXPAYER.—For purposes of this
12 section, the term ‘eligible taxpayer’ has the same meaning
13 given to such term under section 1400Z-2(c).

14 “(c) EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY.—For
15 purposes of this section, the term ‘qualified gigabit oppor-
16 tunity zone business property’ shall not include any prop-
17 erty to which section 168(g) applies.

18 “(d) ELECTION.—An election under this section shall
19 be made under rules similar to the rules of section 179(c).

20 “(e) COORDINATION WITH SECTION 179.—For pur-
21 poses of section 179, qualified gigabit opportunity zone
22 business property shall not be treated as section 179 prop-
23 erty.

24 “(f) APPLICATION OF OTHER RULES.—Rules similar
25 to the rules of paragraphs (3), (4), (5), (7), (9), and (10)
26 of section 179(d) shall apply for purposes of this section.

1 “(g) TAXPAYER REPORTING.—This section shall not
2 apply with respect to any taxpayer for any taxable year
3 unless such taxpayer provides the Secretary with such in-
4 formation as the Secretary may require to allow the Sec-
5 retary to evaluate the effectiveness of the program estab-
6 lished under this part.”.

7 (2) BASIS ADJUSTMENTS.—Section 1016(a) of
8 such Code is amended by striking “and” at the end
9 of paragraph (36), by striking the period at the end
10 of paragraph (37) and inserting “, and”, and by in-
11 serting after paragraph (37) the following:

12 “(38) to the extent provided in section 1400Z-
13 2(b).”.

14 (3) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sub-
15 chapters for chapter 1 of such Code is amended by
16 adding at the end the following new item:

 “SUBCHAPTER Z. GIGABIT OPPORTUNITY ZONES”.

17 (4) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made
18 by this subsection shall take effect on the date of the
19 enactment of this Act.

20 **SEC. 3. PRIVATE ACTIVITY BONDS FOR QUALIFIED**
21 **BROADBAND PROJECTS.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 142(a) of the Internal
23 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “or” at the
24 end of paragraph (14), by striking the period at the end

1 of paragraph (15) and inserting “, or”, and by adding at
2 the end the following new paragraph:

3 “(16) qualified broadband projects.”.

4 (b) QUALIFIED BROADBAND PROJECTS.—Section
5 142 of such Code is amended by adding at the end the
6 following new subsection:

7 “(n) QUALIFIED BROADBAND PROJECT.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of subsection
9 (a)(16), the term ‘qualified broadband project’
10 means any project which—

11 “(A) is located in a jurisdiction that has
12 been certified by Secretary, in consultation with
13 the National Telecommunications and Informa-
14 tion Administration, as having adopted the Uni-
15 form Model Broadband Deployment Act pre-
16 scribed by the Federal Communications Com-
17 mission pursuant to section 4 of the Gigabit
18 Opportunity Act, and

19 “(B) results in gigabit capable Internet ac-
20 cess to residential or commercial locations—

21 “(i) where a broadband service pro-
22 vider previously did not provide service, or

23 “(ii) which do not have broadband
24 service which meets the minimum speed re-
25 quirements required for universal service

1 support under Phase II of the Connect
2 America Fund of the Federal Communica-
3 tions Commission, as set forth under sub-
4 part D of part 54 of title 47, Code of Fed-
5 eral Regulations.”.

6 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
7 this section shall apply to bonds issued after the date of
8 the enactment of this Act.

9 **SEC. 4. UNIFORM MODEL BROADBAND ACT.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
11 date of the enactment of this Act, the Federal Commu-
12 nications Commission shall publish a Uniform Model
13 Broadband Deployment Act containing laws for the State
14 regulation of the deployment of broadband services.

15 (b) NO INFERENCE RELATING TO DATA COLLEC-
16 TION.—Nothing in this Act or the amendments made by
17 this Act shall be construed to provide additional authority
18 for the collection of data to the Federal Communications
19 Commission or the National Telecommunications and In-
20 formation Administration.

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