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S. 4049

To appropriate more funds for the Federal Communication Commission’s “rip and replace” program, to require a spectrum auction, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 21, 2024

Mr. DAINES (for himself, Mr. WICKER, and Ms. LUMMIS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 “Supporting National
5 Security with Spectrum Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL “RIP AND REPLACE” FUNDING.**

7 Section 4(k) of the Secure and Trusted Communica-
8 tions Networks Act of 2019 (47 U.S.C. 1603(k)) is

1 amended by striking “\$1,900,000,000” and inserting
2 “\$4,980,000,000”.

3 **SEC. 3. APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS.**

4 There is appropriated to the Federal Communica-
5 tions Commission for fiscal year 2024, out of amounts in
6 the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$3,080,000,000,
7 to remain available until expended, to carry out section
8 4 of the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks
9 Act of 2019 (47 U.S.C. 1603).

10 **SEC. 4. FCC AUCTION 97 REAUCION OF CERTAIN LI-**
11 **CENSES; COMPLETION OF REAUCION.**

12 (a) FCC AUCTION 97 REAUCION OF CERTAIN LI-
13 CENSES.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enact-
14 ment of this Act, the Federal Communications Commis-
15 sion shall initiate a system of competitive bidding under
16 section 309(j) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47
17 U.S.C. 309(j)) to grant licenses for spectrum in the inven-
18 tory of the Commission within the bands of frequencies
19 referred to by the Commission as the “AWS–3 bands”,
20 without regard to whether the authority of the Commis-
21 sion under paragraph (11) of that section has expired.

22 (b) COMPLETION OF REAUCION.—The Federal
23 Communications Commission shall complete the system of
24 competitive bidding described in subsection (a), including
25 receiving payments, processing applications, and granting

1 licenses, without regard to whether the authority of the
2 Commission under paragraph (11) of section 309(j) of the
3 Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 309(j)) has ex-
4 pired.

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