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To amend the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 to promote communications facilities deployment on Federal property, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MIMI WALTERS of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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 Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 to promote communications facilities deployment on Federal property, and for other purposes.

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 “Communications Fa-
5 cilities Deployment on Federal Property Act of 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES DEPLOYMENT ON**
2 **FEDERAL PROPERTY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 6409 of the Middle Class
4 Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (47 U.S.C.
5 1455) is amended—

6 (1) in the heading, by striking “**WIRELESS**”
7 and inserting “**COMMUNICATIONS**”; and

8 (2) by striking subsections (b), (c), and (d) and
9 inserting the following:

10 “(b) FEDERAL EASEMENTS, RIGHTS-OF-WAY, AND
11 LEASES.—

12 “(1) GRANT.—If an entity applies for the grant
13 of an easement, right-of-way, or lease to, in, over, or
14 on a building or other property owned by the Fed-
15 eral Government for the right to install, construct,
16 modify, or maintain a communications facility instal-
17 lation, the executive agency that is authorized to
18 grant such easement, right-of-way, or lease for the
19 building or other property may grant to the appli-
20 cant an easement, right-of-way, or lease to perform
21 such installation, construction, modification, or
22 maintenance.

23 “(2) APPLICATION FORMS.—Not later than 30
24 days after the date of the enactment of the Commu-
25 nications Facilities Deployment on Federal Property
26 Act of 2018, the Administrator of General Services

1 shall develop a required common form for applica-
2 tions for easements, rights-of-way, or leases under
3 paragraph (1). An executive agency may not require
4 an applicant under paragraph (1) to use any form
5 for submitting the application other than the com-
6 mon form developed by the Administrator of General
7 Services under this paragraph and may not require
8 any significant information beyond the information
9 required by such common form.

10 “(3) COMMON FEES.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any
12 other provision of law, not later than 30 days
13 after the date of the enactment of the Commu-
14 nications Facilities Deployment on Federal
15 Property Act of 2018, the Administrator of
16 General Services shall establish a common fee
17 for the processing of applications under para-
18 graph (1) and subsection (c).

19 “(B) FEE GUIDELINES.—The application
20 fees established pursuant to subparagraph (A)
21 shall be—

22 “(i) based on direct and actual cost
23 recovery; and

24 “(ii) competitively neutral with regard
25 to other users of the building or other

1 property owned by the Federal Govern-
2 ment.

3 “(C) EXCEPTIONS.—The Administrator of
4 General Services may establish exceptions to
5 the fee amount required under subparagraph
6 (A)—

7 “(i) in consideration of the public ben-
8 efit provided by a grant of an easement,
9 right-of-way, or lease; and

10 “(ii) in the interest of expanding wire-
11 less and broadband coverage.

12 “(4) USE OF FEES COLLECTED.—Any fee col-
13 lected by an executive agency pursuant to paragraph
14 (3) may be made available, as provided in appropria-
15 tions Acts, to such agency to cover the costs of
16 granting the easement, right-of-way, or lease.

17 “(c) MASTER CONTRACTS FOR COMMUNICATIONS
18 FACILITY INSTALLATION SITINGS.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section
20 704 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Public
21 Law 104–104; 110 Stat. 151) or any other provision
22 of law, not later 30 days after the date of the enact-
23 ment of the Communications Facilities Deployment
24 on Federal Property Act of 2018, the Administrator
25 of General Services shall—

1 “(A) develop one or more master contracts
2 that shall govern the placement of a commu-
3 nications facility installation on a building or
4 other property owned by the Federal Govern-
5 ment, which shall include offers of lease terms
6 for the communications facility installation of
7 not less than 10 years with automatic lease re-
8 newals; and

9 “(B) in developing the master contract or
10 contracts, standardize the treatment of the
11 placement of a communications facility installa-
12 tion on a building rooftop or facade, the place-
13 ment of a communications facility installation
14 on a rooftop or inside a building, the technology
15 used in connection with a communications facil-
16 ity installation placed on a Federal building and
17 other property, and any other key issues the
18 Administrator of General Services considers ap-
19 propriate.

20 “(2) APPLICABILITY.—The master contract or
21 contracts developed by the Administrator of General
22 Services under paragraph (1) shall apply to all pub-
23 licly accessible buildings and other property owned
24 by the Federal Government. An executive agency
25 may not enter into a contract governing the place-

1 ment of a communications facility installation on a
2 building or other property to which such a master
3 contract applies, unless the contract entered into by
4 the agency is consistent with, and does not contain
5 any significant terms beyond the terms contained in,
6 such master contract.

7 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 “(1) COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY INSTALLA-
9 TION.—The term ‘communications facility installa-
10 tion’ includes—

11 “(A) any infrastructure, including any
12 transmitting device, tower, or support structure,
13 and any equipment, switches, wiring, cabling,
14 power sources, shelters, or cabinets, associated
15 with the licensed or permitted unlicensed wire-
16 less or wireline transmission of writings, signs,
17 signals, data, images, pictures, or sounds of all
18 kinds; and

19 “(B) any antenna or apparatus that—

20 “(i) is designed for the purpose of
21 emitting or receiving radio frequency;

22 “(ii) is designed to be operated, or is
23 operating, from a fixed location pursuant
24 to authorization by the Commission or is

1 using duly authorized devices that do not
2 require individual licenses; and

3 “(iii) is added to a tower, building, or
4 other structure.

5 “(2) EXECUTIVE AGENCY.—The term ‘executive
6 agency’ has the meaning given such term in section
7 102 of title 40, United States Code.”.

8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This Act, and the amend-
9 ments made by this Act, shall take effect 30 days after
10 the date of the enactment of this Act.

11 (c) EFFECT ON EXISTING APPLICATIONS.—An appli-
12 cation for an easement, right-of-way, or lease that was
13 made or granted under section 6409 of the Middle Class
14 Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (47 U.S.C.
15 1455) before the effective date of this Act shall continue,
16 subject to such section as in effect on the day before such
17 effective date.

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