

116TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 5659

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to modify the definition of franchise fee, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 21, 2020

Ms. ESHOO (for herself, Mr. WELCH, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. NEAL, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. COX of California, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. GABBARD, Ms. MENG, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. TRONE, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. PAPPAS, Ms. MOORE, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, and Mrs. TRAHAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## 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 “Protecting Community  
5 Television Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. MODIFYING THE DEFINITION OF FRANCHISE FEE.**

7 Section 622(g)(1) of the Communications Act of  
8 1934 (47 U.S.C. 542(g)(1)) is amended—

1           (1) by striking “includes” and inserting  
2           “means”; and

3           (2) by inserting “other monetary” before “as-  
4           assessment”.

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