S. 4472

To amend the Secure and Trusted Communications Network Reimbursement Program to include eligible telecommunications carriers and providers of educational broadband service, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 6, 2020

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

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Ensuring Network Security Act”. 
SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO THE SECURE AND TRUSTED COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM.

Section 4 of the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019 (47 U.S.C. 1603) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “2,000,000” and inserting “10,000,000”;

(2) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (1)(A)—

(i) in the matter preceding clause (i), by inserting “, as defined in section 9 or as defined in the Report and Order of the Commission in the matter of Protecting Against National Security Threats to the Communications Supply Chain Through FCC Programs (FCC 19–121; WC Docket No. 18–89; adopted November 22, 2019) (in this section referred to as the ‘Report and Order’) and subsequently reported to the Commission in response to its February 26, 2020, Supply Chain Data Collection, and” after “services”; and

(ii) in clause (i), by inserting “were reported to the Commission in response to its February 26, 2020, Supply Chain Data Collection or” after “services that”; and
(iii) in clause (ii), by inserting “were not reported to the Commission in response to its February 26, 2020, Supply Chain Data Collection or” after “services that”; and

(B) in paragraph (2)(A)—

(i) in clause (i), by inserting “was reported to the Commission in response to its February 26, 2020, Supply Chain Data Collection or” after “service that”; and

(ii) in clause (ii), by inserting “was not reported to the Commission in response to its February 26, 2020, Supply Chain Data Collection or” after “service that”; and

(3) in subsection (d)(5)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “The Commission” and inserting “Subject to subparagraph (C), the Commission”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(C) PRIORITY FOR ALLOCATION.—On and after the date of enactment of this subparagraph, the Commission shall allocate sufficient reimbursement funds—
“(i) first, to approved applicants that have 2,000,000 or fewer customers, for removal and replacement of covered communications equipment, as defined in section 9;

“(ii) after funds have been allocated to all applicants described in clause (i), to approved applicants that are accredited public or private non-commercial educational institutions providing their own facilities-based education broadband service, as defined in section 27.4 of title 47, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor regulation, for removal and replacement of covered communications equipment, as defined in the Report and Order; and

“(iii) after funds have been allocated to all applicants described in clause (ii), to approved applicants that are designated as eligible telecommunications carriers under section 214(e) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 214(e)) or affiliates of such a carrier, for removal and replacement of covered communications equip-
ment, as defined in the Report and Order and subsequently reported to the Commission in response to its February 26, 2020, Supply Chain Data Collection.”.