

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1754

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require the Federal Communications Commission to consider market entry barriers for socially disadvantaged individuals in the communications marketplace report under section 13 of such Act.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 10, 2021

Mr. LONG (for himself and Mr. VEASEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Measuring the Eco-
5 nomics Driving Investments and Access for Diversity Act
6 of 2021” or the “MEDIA Diversity Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONSIDERING MARKET ENTRY BARRIERS FOR SO-**
2 **CIALLY DISADVANTAGED INDIVIDUALS.**

3 Section 13(d) of the Communications Act of 1934
4 (47 U.S.C. 163(d)) is amended by adding at the end the
5 following:

6 “(4) CONSIDERING SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED
7 INDIVIDUALS.—In assessing the state of competition
8 under subsection (b)(1) and regulatory barriers
9 under subsection (b)(3), the Commission, with the
10 input of the Office of Communications Business Op-
11 portunities of the Commission, shall consider market
12 entry barriers for socially disadvantaged individuals
13 in the communications marketplace in accordance
14 with the national policy under section 257(b).”.

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