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H. R. 1812

To require the Federal Communications Commission to reform the contribution system of the Universal Service Fund, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 27, 2023

Mr. NEGUSE (for himself, Mrs. FLETCHER, Ms. CRAIG, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mr. GROTHMAN, and Mr. GALLAGHER) 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 “Reforming Broadband
5 Connectivity Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. STUDY AND REPORT.**

7 Not later than 120 days after the date of enactment
8 of this Act, the Federal Communications Commission (re-
9 ferred to in this Act as the “Commission”) shall—

1 (1) conduct a study assessing the need to ex-
2 pand the contribution base of the Universal Service
3 Fund to ensure that the contribution requirement
4 under section 254(d) of the Communications Act of
5 1934 (47 U.S.C. 254(d)) is imposed fairly and equi-
6 tably; and

7 (2) submit to Congress a report on the results
8 of the study conducted under paragraph (1).

9 **SEC. 3. UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND CONTRIBUTION SYSTEM**
10 **REFORM.**

11 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 1 year after the
12 date of enactment of this Act, the Commission shall com-
13 plete a rulemaking to reform the contribution system of
14 the Universal Service Fund, including by expanding the
15 contribution base of the Universal Service Fund.

16 (b) **CONSIDERATIONS.**—In conducting the rule-
17 making required under subsection (a), the Commission
18 shall consider—

19 (1) the relative equities and burdens of the pro-
20 posed changes to the contribution system of the Uni-
21 versal Service Fund with respect to consumers and
22 businesses;

23 (2) the impact of the proposed changes to the
24 contribution system of the Universal Service Fund
25 on seniors; and

- 1 (3) the findings and recommendations in the re-
- 2 port submitted under section 2(2).

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