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H. R. 2474

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 27, 2025

Mr. TAYLOR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Expanding Appa-
5 lachia’s Broadband Access Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. GAO STUDY ON LOW-ORBIT SATELLITES.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
8 date of enactment of this section, the Comptroller General

1 of the United States shall conduct, and submit to Con-
2 gress the results thereof, a study on the capability of the
3 Appalachian Regional Commission to incorporate low-orbit
4 satellites in broadband projects.

5 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—In conducting the study under
6 subsection (a), the Comptroller General shall—

7 (1) review the capacity of low-orbit satellite
8 services to be used for business purposes;

9 (2) evaluate economic development growth in
10 areas that have used low-orbit satellites for busi-
11 nesses; and

12 (3) analyze the cost-effectiveness of imple-
13 menting broadband satellites for economic develop-
14 ment.

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