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To direct the Federal Communications Commission to evaluate and consider the impact of the telecommunications network equipment supply chain on the deployment of universal service, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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 “Network Equipment
5 Transparency Act” or the “NET Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUPPLY CHAIN CONSIDER-**
2 **ATION.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 13(b) of the Communica-
4 tions Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 163(b)) is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (3), (4), and
6 (5) as paragraphs (4), (5), and (6), respectively; and

7 (2) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(3) assess, to the extent that data is available
10 to the Commission, how the availability of network
11 equipment may have impacted the deployment of ad-
12 vanced telecommunications capability during the ap-
13 plicable reporting period;”.

14 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in the
15 amendments made by subsection (a) shall be construed to
16 require any provider of advanced telecommunications ca-
17 pability to provide the Federal Communications Commis-
18 sion more information than was required for the purpose
19 of section 13 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47
20 U.S.C. 163) as in effect on the day before the date of
21 enactment of this Act.

22 (c) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—
23 Section 13 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C.
24 163), as amended by subsection (a), is amended—

25 (1) in subsection (b)—

1 (A) in paragraph (5), as so redesignated,
2 by striking “(3)” and inserting “(4)”; and

3 (B) in paragraph (6), as so redesignated,
4 by striking “(4)” and inserting “(5)”; and

5 (2) in subsection (c), by striking “(b)(4)” and
6 inserting “(b)(5)”; and

7 (3) in subsection (d)(3), by striking “(b)(3)”
8 and inserting “(b)(4)”.

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