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To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to consolidate the reporting obligations of the Federal Communications Commission in order to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

MAY 22, 2015

Reported by Mr. THUNE, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

A BILL

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to consolidate the reporting obligations of the Federal Communications Commission in order to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Federal Communica-
3 tions Commission Consolidated Reporting Act of 2015”.

4 **SEC. 2. COMMUNICATIONS MARKETPLACE REPORT.**

5 Title I of the Communications Act of 1934 (47
6 U.S.C. 151 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the
7 following:

8 **“SEC. 13. COMMUNICATIONS MARKETPLACE REPORT.**

9 “(a) **IN GENERAL.**—In the last quarter of every even-
10 numbered year, the Commission shall publish on its
11 website and submit to the Committee on Energy and Com-
12 merce of the House of Representatives and the Committee
13 on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate
14 a report on the state of the communications marketplace.

15 “(b) **CONTENTS.**—Each report required under sub-
16 section (a) shall—

17 “(1) assess the state of competition in the com-
18 munications marketplace, including competition to
19 deliver voice, video, audio, and data services among
20 providers of telecommunications, providers of com-
21 mercial mobile service (as defined in section 332),
22 multichannel video programming distributors (as de-
23 fined in section 602), broadcast stations, providers
24 of satellite communications, Internet service pro-
25 viders, and other providers of communications serv-
26 ices;

1 “(2) assess the state of deployment of commu-
2 nications capabilities, including advanced tele-
3 communications capability (as defined in section 706
4 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (47 U.S.C.
5 1302)), regardless of the technology used for such
6 deployment, including whether advanced tele-
7 communications capability is being deployed to all
8 Americans in a reasonable and timely fashion;

9 “(3) assess whether laws, regulations, or regu-
10 latory practices (whether those of the Federal Gov-
11 ernment, States, political subdivisions of States, In-
12 dian tribes or tribal organizations (as such terms are
13 defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination
14 and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450b)), or
15 foreign governments) pose a barrier to competitive
16 entry into the communications marketplace or to the
17 competitive expansion of existing providers of com-
18 munications services;

19 “(4) describe the agenda of the Commission for
20 the next 2-year period for addressing the challenges
21 and opportunities in the communications market-
22 place that were identified through the assessments
23 under paragraphs (1) through (3); and

24 “(5) describe the actions that the Commission
25 has taken in pursuit of the agenda described in

1 paragraph (4) during the 2-year period to which the
2 report applies.

3 “(c) EXTENSION.—If the Senate confirms the Chair-
4 man of the Commission during the third or fourth quarter
5 of an even-numbered year, the report required under sub-
6 section (a) may be published on the website of the Com-
7 mission and submitted to the Committee on Energy and
8 Commerce of the House of Representatives and the Com-
9 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
10 Senate by March 1 of the following odd-numbered year.

11 “(d) SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS.—

12 “(1) ASSESSING COMPETITION.—In assessing
13 the state of competition under subsection (b)(1), the
14 Commission shall consider all forms of competition,
15 including the effect of intermodal competition, facili-
16 ties-based competition, and competition from new
17 and emergent communications services, including the
18 provision of content and communications using the
19 Internet.

20 “(2) ASSESSING DEPLOYMENT.—In assessing
21 the state of deployment under subsection (b)(2), the
22 Commission shall compile a list of geographical
23 areas that are not served by any provider of ad-
24 vanced telecommunications capability.

1 ~~“(3) INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS AND DEMO-~~
2 ~~GRAPHIC INFORMATION.—~~The Commission may use
3 readily available data to draw appropriate compari-
4 sons between the United States communications
5 marketplace and the international communications
6 marketplace and to correlate its assessments with
7 demographic information.

8 ~~“(4) CONSIDERING SMALL BUSINESSES.—~~In as-
9 sessing the state of competition under subsection
10 ~~(b)(1)~~ and regulatory barriers under subsection
11 ~~(b)(3)~~, the Commission shall consider market entry
12 barriers for entrepreneurs and other small busi-
13 nesses in the communications marketplace in accord-
14 ance with the national policy under section 257(b).

15 ~~“(e) EFFECT IF DEADLINES NOT MET.—~~

16 ~~“(1) NOTIFICATION OF CONGRESS.—~~If the
17 Commission fails to publish a report by the applica-
18 ble deadline under subsection (a) or (e), the Com-
19 mission shall, not later than 7 days after the dead-
20 line and every 30 days thereafter until the publica-
21 tion of the report—

22 ~~“(A) notify by letter the chairperson and~~
23 ranking member of—

1 “(i) the Committee on Energy and
2 Commerce of the House of Representa-
3 tives; and

4 “(ii) the Committee on Commerce,
5 Science, and Transportation of the Senate;

6 “(B) describe in the letter the reasons for
7 the delay;

8 “(C) indicate in the letter the date on
9 which the Commission anticipates the report
10 will be published; and

11 “(D) publish the letter on the website of
12 the Commission.

13 “(2) NO IMPACT ON EFFECTIVENESS.—If the
14 Commission publishes a report after the applicable
15 deadline under subsection (a) or (c) and complies
16 with the requirements under paragraph (1) of this
17 subsection with respect to the report, the Commis-
18 sion shall be deemed to have satisfied the require-
19 ment to publish the report by the applicable dead-
20 line.”.

21 **SEC. 3. CONSOLIDATION OF REDUNDANT REPORTS; CON-**
22 **FORMING AMENDMENTS.**

23 (a) ORBIT ACT REPORT.—Section 646 of the Com-
24 munications Satellite Act of 1962 (47 U.S.C. 765c) is re-
25 pealed.

1 (b) ~~SATELLITE COMPETITION REPORT.~~—Section 4 of
2 Public Law 109–34 (47 U.S.C. 703) is repealed.

3 (c) ~~INTERNATIONAL BROADBAND DATA REPORT.~~—
4 Section 103 of the Broadband Data Improvement Act (47
5 U.S.C. 1303) is amended—

6 (1) by striking subsection (b); and

7 (2) by redesignating subsections (c) through (e)
8 as subsections (b) through (d), respectively.

9 (d) ~~STATUS OF COMPETITION IN THE MARKET FOR~~
10 ~~THE DELIVERY OF VIDEO PROGRAMMING REPORT.~~—Sec-
11 tion 628 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C.
12 548) is amended—

13 (1) by striking subsection (g);

14 (2) by redesignating subsection (j) as sub-
15 section (g); and

16 (3) by transferring subsection (g) (as redesign-
17 ated) so that it appears after subsection (f).

18 (e) ~~REPORT ON CABLE INDUSTRY PRICES.~~—

19 (1) ~~IN GENERAL.~~—Section 623 of the Commu-
20 nications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 543) is amended—

21 (A) by striking subsection (k); and

22 (B) by redesignating subsections (l)
23 through (n) as subsections (k) through (m), re-
24 spectively.

1 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
 2 613(a)(3) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47
 3 U.S.C. 533(a)(3)) is amended by striking “623(l)”
 4 and inserting “623(k)”.

5 (f) TRIENNIAL REPORT IDENTIFYING AND ELIMI-
 6 NATING MARKET ENTRY BARRIERS FOR ENTRE-
 7 PRENEURS AND OTHER SMALL BUSINESSES.—Section
 8 257 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 257)
 9 is amended by striking subsection (e).

10 (g) SECTION 706 REPORT.—Section 706 of the Tele-
 11 communications Act of 1996 (47 U.S.C. 1302) is amend-
 12 ed—

13 (1) in subsection (b)—

14 (A) in the last sentence, by striking “If the
 15 Commission’s determination is negative, it” and
 16 inserting “If the Commission determines in its
 17 report under section 13 of the Communications
 18 Act of 1934 that advanced telecommunications
 19 capability is not being deployed to all Ameri-
 20 cans in a reasonable and timely fashion, the
 21 Commission”; and

22 (B) by striking the first and second sen-
 23 tences;

24 (2) by striking subsection (e);

1 (3) in subsection (d), by striking “this sub-
2 section” and inserting “this section”; and

3 (4) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
4 section (e).

5 (h) STATE OF COMPETITIVE MARKET CONDITIONS
6 WITH RESPECT TO COMMERCIAL MOBILE RADIO SERV-
7 ICES.—Section 332(e)(1)(C) of the Communications Act
8 of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 332(e)(1)(C)) is amended by striking
9 the first and second sentences.

10 (i) PREVIOUSLY ELIMINATED ANNUAL REPORT.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 4 of the Commu-
12 nications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 154) is amended—

13 (A) by striking subsection (k); and

14 (B) by redesignating subsections (l)
15 through (o) as subsections (k) through (n), re-
16 spectively.

17 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—The Commu-
18 nications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 151 et seq.) is
19 amended—

20 (A) in section 9(i), by striking “In the
21 Commission’s annual report, the Commission
22 shall prepare an analysis of its progress in de-
23 veloping such systems and” and inserting “The
24 Commission”; and

1 (B) in section 309(j)(8)(B), by striking the
2 last sentence.

3 (j) ~~ADDITIONAL OUTDATED REPORTS.—~~

4 (1) ~~IN GENERAL.—~~The Communications Act of
5 1934 (47 U.S.C. 151 et seq.) is amended—

6 (A) in section 4—

7 (i) in subsection (b)(2)(B)(ii), by
8 striking “and shall furnish notice of such
9 action” and all that follows through “sub-
10 ject of the waiver”; and

11 (ii) in subsection (g)—

12 (I) by striking paragraph (2);

13 and

14 (II) by redesignating paragraph

15 (3) as paragraph (2);

16 (B) in section 215—

17 (i) by striking subsection (b); and

18 (ii) by redesignating subsection (e) as
19 subsection (b);

20 (C) in section 227(e)—

21 (i) by striking paragraph (4); and

22 (ii) by redesignating paragraphs (5)
23 through (9) as paragraphs (4) through (8),
24 respectively;

1 (D) in section 303(u)(1)(B), by striking
2 “section 713(f)” and inserting “section
3 713(e)”;

4 (E) in section 309(j)—

5 (i) by striking paragraph (12);

6 (ii) by redesignating paragraphs (13)
7 through (17) as paragraphs (12) through
8 (16), respectively; and

9 (iii) in paragraph (14)(C), as redesign-
10 nated—

11 (I) by striking clause (iv); and

12 (II) by redesignating clauses (v)
13 and (vi) as clauses (iv) and (v), re-
14 spectively;

15 (F) in section 331(b), by striking the last
16 sentence;

17 (G) in section 336(e), by amending para-
18 graph (4) to read as follows:

19 “(4) REPORT.—The Commission shall annually
20 advise the Congress on the amounts collected pursu-
21 ant to the program required by this subsection.”;

22 (H) in section 338(k)(6), by striking “sec-
23 tion 396(k)(6)(B)” and inserting “section
24 396(j)(6)(B)”;

25 (I) in section 339(e)—

- 1 (i) by striking paragraph (1);
- 2 (ii) by redesignating paragraphs (2)
- 3 through (5) as paragraphs (1) through (4),
- 4 respectively;
- 5 (iii) in paragraph (3)(A), as redesign-
- 6 nated, by striking “paragraph (2)” and in-
- 7 serting “paragraph (1)”; and
- 8 (iv) in paragraph (4), as redesignated,
- 9 by striking “paragraphs (2) and (4)” and
- 10 inserting “paragraphs (1) and (3)”;
- 11 (J) in section 396—
- 12 (i) by striking subsections (i) and (m);
- 13 (ii) by redesignating subsections (j)
- 14 through (l) as subsections (i) through (k),
- 15 respectively;
- 16 (iii) in subsection (j), as redesign-
- 17 nated—
- 18 (I) in paragraph (1), by striking
- 19 subparagraph (F); and
- 20 (II) in paragraph (3)(B)(iii)—
- 21 (aa) by striking subclause
- 22 (V); and
- 23 (bb) by redesignating sub-
- 24 clause (VI) as subclause (V); and

1 (iv) in subsection (k), as redesignated—
2 nated—

3 (I) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking
4 ing “shall be included” and all that
5 follows through “The audit report”;
6 and

7 (II) in paragraph (4), by striking
8 “subsection (k)” each place that term
9 appears and inserting “subsection
10 (j)”;

11 (K) in section 398(b)(4), by striking the
12 third sentence;

13 (L) in section 399B(c), by striking “sec-
14 tion 396(k)” and inserting “section 396(j)”;

15 (M) in section 615(1)(1)(A)(ii), by striking
16 “section 396(k)(6)(B)” and inserting “section
17 396(j)(6)(B)”;

18 (N) in section 624A(b)(1)—

19 (i) by striking “REPORT; REGULA-
20 TIONS” and inserting “REGULATIONS”;

21 (ii) by striking “Within 1 year after”
22 and all that follows through “on means of
23 assuring” and inserting “The Commission
24 shall issue such regulations as are nec-
25 essary to assure”; and

- 1 (iii) by striking “Within 180 days
2 after” and all that follows through “to as-
3 sure such compatibility.”; and
4 (O) in section 713—
- 5 (i) by striking subsection (a);
6 (ii) by redesignating subsections (b),
7 (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), and (j) as sub-
8 sections (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), and
9 (h), respectively;
- 10 (iii) in subsection (a), as redesignated,
11 by striking “subsection (d)” each place
12 that term appears and inserting “sub-
13 section (e)”;
- 14 (iv) in subsection (b), as redesignated,
15 by striking “subsection (b)” each place
16 that term appears and inserting “sub-
17 section (a)”;
- 18 (v) in subsection (c), as redesignated,
19 by striking “subsection (b)” and inserting
20 “subsection (a)”;
- 21 (vi) in subsection (c)(2)(A), as redesi-
22 gnated, by striking “subsection (h)” and
23 inserting “subsection (g)”;

1 (vii) in subsection (f), as redesignated,
 2 by striking “subsection (e)(2)” and insert-
 3 ing “subsection (d)(2)”.

4 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

5 (A) MIDDLE CLASS TAX RELIEF AND JOB
 6 CREATION ACT OF 2012.—Section 6401(b) of
 7 the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation
 8 Act of 2012 (47 U.S.C. 1451(b)) is amended—

9 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking
 10 “(15)(A)” and inserting “(14)(A)”; and

11 (ii) in paragraph (3), by striking
 12 “(16)(B)” and inserting “(15)(B)”.

13 (B) TITLE 17.—Title 17, United States
 14 Code, is amended—

15 (i) in section 114(d)(1)(B)(iv), by
 16 striking “section 396(k)” and inserting
 17 “section 396(j)”; and

18 (ii) in section 119(a)—

19 (I) in paragraph (2)(B)(ii)—

20 (aa) in subclause (I), by
 21 striking “section 339(e)(3)” and
 22 inserting “section 339(e)(2)”; and

23 (bb) in subclause (II), by
 24 striking “section 339(e)(4)” and

1 inserting “section 339(e)(3)”;
2 and
3 (cc) in subclause (III), by
4 striking “section 339(e)(3)” and
5 inserting “section 339(e)(2)”;
6 (II) in paragraph (3)(E), by
7 striking “section 339(e)(2)” and in-
8 serting “section 339(e)(1)”; and
9 (III) in paragraph (13), by strik-
10 ing “section 339(e)(2)” and inserting
11 “section 339(e)(1)”.

12 **SEC. 4. EFFECT ON AUTHORITY.**

13 Nothing in this Act or the amendments made by this
14 Act shall be construed to expand or contract the authority
15 of the Federal Communications Commission.

16 **SEC. 5. OTHER REPORTS.**

17 Nothing in this Act or the amendments made by this
18 Act shall be construed to prohibit or otherwise prevent the
19 Federal Communications Commission from producing any
20 additional reports otherwise within the authority of the
21 Federal Communications Commission.

22 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

23 *This Act may be cited as the “Federal Communica-*
24 *tions Commission Consolidated Reporting Act of 2015”.*

1 **SEC. 2. COMMUNICATIONS MARKETPLACE REPORT.**

2 *Title I of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C.*
3 *151 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:*

4 **“SEC. 13. COMMUNICATIONS MARKETPLACE REPORT.**

5 *“(a) IN GENERAL.—In the last quarter of every even-*
6 *numbered year, the Commission shall publish on its website*
7 *and submit to the Committee on Energy and Commerce of*
8 *the House of Representatives and the Committee on Com-*
9 *merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report*
10 *on the state of the communications marketplace.*

11 *“(b) CONTENTS.—Each report required under sub-*
12 *section (a) shall—*

13 *“(1) assess the state of competition in the com-*
14 *munications marketplace, including competition to*
15 *deliver voice, video, audio, and data services among*
16 *providers of telecommunications, providers of com-*
17 *mercial mobile service (as defined in section 332),*
18 *multichannel video programming distributors (as de-*
19 *fined in section 602), broadcast stations, providers of*
20 *satellite communications, Internet service providers,*
21 *and other providers of communications services;*

22 *“(2) assess the state of deployment of commu-*
23 *nications capabilities, including advanced tele-*
24 *communications capability (as defined in section 706*
25 *of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (47 U.S.C.*

1 1302)), regardless of the technology used for such de-
2 ployment;

3 “(3) assess whether laws, regulations, regulatory
4 practices, or demonstrated marketplace practices pose
5 a barrier to competitive entry into the communica-
6 tions marketplace or to the competitive expansion of
7 existing providers of communications services; and

8 “(4) describe the agenda of the Commission for
9 the next 2-year period for addressing the challenges
10 and opportunities in the communications marketplace
11 that were identified through the assessments under
12 paragraphs (1) through (3).

13 “(c) *EXTENSION.*—If the Senate confirms the Chair-
14 man of the Commission during the third or fourth quarter
15 of an even-numbered year, the report required under sub-
16 section (a) may be published on the website of the Commis-
17 sion and submitted to the Committee on Energy and Com-
18 merce of the House of Representatives and the Committee
19 on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate
20 by March 1 of the following odd-numbered year.

21 “(d) *SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS.*—

22 “(1) *ASSESSING COMPETITION.*—In assessing the
23 state of competition under subsection (b)(1), the Com-
24 mission shall consider all forms of competition, in-
25 cluding the effect of intermodal competition, facilities-

1 *based competition, and competition from new and*
2 *emergent communications services, including the pro-*
3 *vision of content and communications using the*
4 *Internet.*

5 “(2) *ASSESSING DEPLOYMENT.*—*In assessing the*
6 *state of deployment under subsection (b)(2), the Com-*
7 *mission shall include a list of geographical areas that*
8 *are not served by any provider of advanced tele-*
9 *communications capability.*

10 “(3) *CONSIDERING SMALL BUSINESSES.*—*In as-*
11 *sessing the state of competition under subsection*
12 *(b)(1) and barriers under subsection (b)(3), the Com-*
13 *mission shall consider market entry barriers for en-*
14 *trepreneurs and other small businesses in the commu-*
15 *nications marketplace in accordance with the na-*
16 *tional policy under section 257(b).*

17 “(e) *NOTIFICATION OF DELAY IN REPORT.*—*If the*
18 *Commission fails to publish a report by the applicable*
19 *deadline under subsection (a) or (c), the Commission shall,*
20 *not later than 7 days after the deadline and every 60 days*
21 *thereafter until the publication of the report—*

22 “(1) *provide notification of the delay by letter to*
23 *the chairperson and ranking member of—*

24 “(A) *the Committee on Energy and Com-*
25 *merce of the House of Representatives; and*

1 “(B) the Committee on Commerce, Science,
2 and Transportation of the Senate;

3 “(2) indicate in the letter the date on which the
4 Commission anticipates the report will be published;
5 and

6 “(3) publish the letter on the website of the Com-
7 mission.”.

8 **SEC. 3. CONSOLIDATION OF REDUNDANT REPORTS; CON-**
9 **FORMING AMENDMENTS.**

10 (a) *ORBIT ACT REPORT*.—Section 646 of the Commu-
11 nications Satellite Act of 1962 (47 U.S.C. 765e) is repealed.

12 (b) *SATELLITE COMPETITION REPORT*.—Section 4 of
13 Public Law 109–34 (47 U.S.C. 703) is repealed.

14 (c) *INTERNATIONAL BROADBAND DATA REPORT*.—Sec-
15 tion 103(b)(1) of the Broadband Data Improvement Act (47
16 U.S.C. 1303(b)(1)) is amended by striking “the assessment
17 and report” and all that follows through “the Federal Com-
18 munications Commission” and inserting “its report under
19 section 13 of the Communications Act of 1934, the Federal
20 Communications Commission”.

21 (d) *STATUS OF COMPETITION IN THE MARKET FOR*
22 *THE DELIVERY OF VIDEO PROGRAMMING REPORT*.—Sec-
23 tion 628 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C.
24 548) is amended—

25 (1) by striking subsection (g);

1 (2) by redesignating subsection (j) as subsection
2 (g); and

3 (3) by transferring subsection (g) (as redesign-
4 ated) so that it appears after subsection (f).

5 (e) *REPORT ON CABLE INDUSTRY PRICES*.—Section
6 623(k) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C.
7 543(k)) is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “annually pub-
9 lish” and inserting “publish with its report under
10 section 13 of the Communications Act of 1934”; and

11 (2) in paragraph (2), in the heading, by striking
12 “ANNUAL”.

13 (f) *TRIENNIAL REPORT IDENTIFYING AND ELIMI-*
14 *NATING MARKET ENTRY BARRIERS FOR ENTREPRENEURS*
15 *AND OTHER SMALL BUSINESSES*.—Section 257 of the Com-
16 munications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 257) is amended by
17 striking subsection (c).

18 (g) *STATE OF COMPETITIVE MARKET CONDITIONS*
19 *WITH RESPECT TO COMMERCIAL MOBILE RADIO SERV-*
20 *ICES*.—Section 332(c)(1)(C) of the Communications Act of
21 1934 (47 U.S.C. 332(c)(1)(C)) is amended by striking the
22 first and second sentences.

23 (h) *PREVIOUSLY ELIMINATED ANNUAL REPORT*.—

24 (1) *IN GENERAL*.—Section 4 of the Communica-
25 tions Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 154) is amended—

1 (A) by striking subsection (k); and

2 (B) by redesignating subsections (l) through
3 (o) as subsections (k) through (n), respectively.

4 (2) *CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.*—*The Commu-*
5 *nications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 151 et seq.) is*
6 *amended—*

7 (A) in section 9(i), by striking “In the
8 Commission’s annual report, the Commission
9 shall prepare an analysis of its progress in devel-
10 oping such systems and” and inserting “The
11 Commission”; and

12 (B) in section 309(j)(8)(B), by striking the
13 last sentence.

14 (i) *ADDITIONAL OUTDATED REPORTS.*—

15 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Communications Act of*
16 *1934 (47 U.S.C. 151 et seq.) is amended—*

17 (A) in section 4—

18 (i) in subsection (b)(2)(B)(ii), by strik-
19 ing “and shall furnish notice of such ac-
20 tion” and all that follows through “subject
21 of the waiver”; and

22 (ii) in subsection (g)—

23 (I) by striking paragraph (2);
24 and

- 1 (ii) by redesignating paragraph
2 (3) as paragraph (2);
3 (B) in section 215—
4 (i) by striking subsection (b); and
5 (ii) by redesignating subsection (c) as
6 subsection (b);
7 (C) in section 227(e)—
8 (i) by striking paragraph (4); and
9 (ii) by redesignating paragraphs (5)
10 through (9) as paragraphs (4) through (8),
11 respectively;
12 (D) in section 303(u)(1)(B), by striking
13 “section 713(f)” and inserting “section 713(e”;
14 (E) in section 309(j)—
15 (i) by striking paragraph (12);
16 (ii) by redesignating paragraphs (13)
17 through (17) as paragraphs (12) through
18 (16), respectively; and
19 (iii) in paragraph (14)(C), as redesignig-
20 nated—
21 (I) by striking clause (iv); and
22 (II) by redesignating clauses (v)
23 and (vi) as clauses (iv) and (v), respec-
24 tively;

1 (F) in section 331(b), by striking the last
2 sentence;

3 (G) in section 336(e), by amending para-
4 graph (4) to read as follows:

5 “(4) REPORT.—The Commission shall annually
6 advise the Congress on the amounts collected pursuant
7 to the program required by this subsection.”;

8 (H) in section 338(k)(6), by striking “sec-
9 tion 396(k)(6)(B)” and inserting “section
10 396(j)(6)(B)”;

11 (I) in section 339(c)—

12 (i) by striking paragraph (1);

13 (ii) by redesignating paragraphs (2)
14 through (5) as paragraphs (1) through (4),
15 respectively;

16 (iii) in paragraph (3)(A), as redesign-
17 ated, by striking “paragraph (2)” and in-
18 serting “paragraph (1)”;

19 (iv) in paragraph (4), as redesignated,
20 by striking “paragraphs (2) and (4)” and
21 inserting “paragraphs (1) and (3)”;

22 (J) in section 396—

23 (i) by striking subsections (i) and (m);

1 (ii) by redesignating subsections (j)
2 through (l) as subsections (i) through (k),
3 respectively;

4 (iii) in subsection (j), as redesign-
5 nated—

6 (I) in paragraph (1), by striking
7 subparagraph (F);

8 (II) in paragraph (3)(B)(iii)—

9 (aa) by striking subclause
10 (V);

11 (bb) by redesignating sub-
12 clause (VI) as subclause (V); and

13 (cc) in subclause (V), as re-
14 designated, by striking “subsection
15 (l)(4)(B)” and inserting “sub-
16 section (k)(4)(B)”; and

17 (III) in paragraph (5), by strik-
18 ing “subsection (1)(3)(B)” and insert-
19 ing “subsection (k)(3)(B)”; and

20 (iv) in subsection (k), as redesign-
21 nated—

22 (I) in paragraph (1)(B), by strik-
23 ing “shall be included” and all that
24 follows through “The audit report”;
25 and

1 (II) in paragraph (4), by striking
2 “subsection (k)” each place that term
3 appears and inserting “subsection (j)”;

4 (K) in section 398(b)(4), by striking the
5 third sentence;

6 (L) in section 399B(c), by striking “section
7 396(k)” and inserting “section 396(j)”;

8 (M) in section 615(l)(1)(A)(ii), by striking
9 “section 396(k)(6)(B)” and inserting “section
10 396(j)(6)(B)”;

11 (N) in section 624A(b)(1)—

12 (i) by striking “REPORT; REGULA-
13 TIONS” and inserting “REGULATIONS”;

14 (ii) by striking “Within 1 year after”
15 and all that follows through “on means of
16 assuring” and inserting “The Commission
17 shall issue such regulations as are necessary
18 to assure”; and

19 (iii) by striking “Within 180 days
20 after” and all that follows through “to as-
21 sure such compatibility.”; and

22 (O) in section 713—

23 (i) by striking subsection (a);

24 (ii) by redesignating subsections (b),
25 (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), and (j) as sub-

1 sections (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), and
2 (h), respectively;

3 (iii) in subsection (a), as redesignated,
4 by striking “subsection (d)” each place that
5 term appears and inserting “subsection
6 (c)”;

7 (iv) in subsection (b), as redesignated,
8 by striking “subsection (b)” each place that
9 term appears and inserting “subsection
10 (a)”;

11 (v) in subsection (c), as redesignated,
12 by striking “subsection (b)” and inserting
13 “subsection (a)”;

14 (vi) in subsection (e)(2)(A), as redesignated,
15 by striking “subsection (h)” and in-
16 serting “subsection (g)”;

17 (vii) in subsection (f), as redesignated,
18 by striking “subsection (e)(2)” and insert-
19 ing “subsection (d)(2)”.

20 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

21 (A) MIDDLE CLASS TAX RELIEF AND JOB
22 CREATION ACT OF 2012.—Section 6401(b) of the
23 Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of
24 2012 (47 U.S.C. 1451(b)) is amended—

1 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking
2 “(15)(A)” and inserting “(14)(A)”; and

3 (ii) in paragraph (3), by striking
4 “(16)(B)” and inserting “(15)(B)”.

5 (B) TITLE 17.—Title 17, United States
6 Code, is amended—

7 (i) in section 114(d)(1)(B)(iv), by
8 striking “section 396(k)” and inserting
9 “section 396(j)”; and

10 (ii) in section 119(a)—

11 (I) in paragraph (2)(B)(ii)—

12 (aa) in subclause (I), by
13 striking “section 339(c)(3)” and
14 inserting “section 339(c)(2)”;

15 (bb) in subclause (II), by
16 striking “section 339(c)(4)” and
17 inserting “section 339(c)(3)”; and

18 (cc) in subclause (III), by
19 striking “section 339(c)(3)” and
20 inserting “section 339(c)(2)”;

21 (II) in paragraph (3)(E), by
22 striking “section 339(c)(2)” and insert-
23 ing “section 339(c)(1)”; and

1 (III) in paragraph (13), by strik-
2 ing “section 339(c)(2)” and inserting
3 “section 339(c)(1)”.

4 **SEC. 4. EFFECT ON AUTHORITY.**

5 *Nothing in this Act or the amendments made by this*
6 *Act shall be construed to expand or contract the authority*
7 *of the Federal Communications Commission.*

8 **SEC. 5. OTHER REPORTS.**

9 *Nothing in this Act or the amendments made by this*
10 *Act shall be construed to prohibit or otherwise prevent the*
11 *Federal Communications Commission from producing any*
12 *additional reports otherwise within the authority of the*
13 *Federal Communications Commission.*

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A BILL

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to consolidate the reporting obligations of the Federal Communications Commission in order to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens.

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