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To prohibit the submission to the Federal Communications Commission of broadband internet access service coverage information or data for the purposes of compiling an inaccurate broadband coverage map.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McEACHIN (for himself, Mr. LONG, Mr. LOEBSACK, and Mr. LATTA) 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 “Mapping Accuracy
5 Promotes Services Act” or the “MAPS Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) BROADBAND INTERNET ACCESS SERVICE.—
2 The term “broadband internet access service” has
3 the meaning given the term in section 8.1(b) of title
4 47, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor
5 regulation.

6 (2) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”
7 means the Federal Communications Commission.

8 (3) PROVIDER.—The term “provider” means a
9 provider of fixed or mobile broadband internet access
10 service.

11 (4) QUALITY OF SERVICE.—The term “quality
12 of service” means information regarding offered
13 download and upload speeds and latency of a pro-
14 vider’s broadband internet access service as deter-
15 mined by and to the extent otherwise collected by
16 the Commission.

17 **SEC. 3. ENFORCEMENT.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—It shall be unlawful for a person
19 to willfully, knowingly, or recklessly submit broadband
20 internet access service coverage information or data to the
21 Commission for the purposes of compiling a broadband
22 coverage map that is inaccurate with respect to the avail-
23 ability or quality of service of broadband internet access
24 service.

1 (b) PENALTY.—Any person who violates subsection
2 (a) shall be subject to an appropriate penalty, as deter-
3 mined by the Commission, under—

4 (1) the Communications Act of 1934 (47
5 U.S.C. 151 et seq.), including section 501 of that
6 Act (47 U.S.C. 501); and

7 (2) the rules of the Commission.

8 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
10 graph (2), subsection (a) shall apply with respect to
11 broadband internet access service coverage informa-
12 tion or data that is submitted to the Commission on
13 or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

14 (2) QUALITY OF SERVICE INFORMATION OR
15 DATA.—To the extent broadband internet access
16 service coverage information or data relates to qual-
17 ity of service, subsection (a) shall apply with respect
18 to information or data that is submitted on or after
19 the date that is 180 days after the date of the enact-
20 ment of this Act.

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