H. R. 1056

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 15, 2021

Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Wireless Broadband
5 Competition and Efficient Deployment Act”.

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SEC. 2. APPLICATION OF NEPA AND NHPA TO COLLOCA-
TION OF CERTAIN PERSONAL WIRELESS
SERVICE FACILITIES.

(a) NEPA EXEMPTION.—A covered project shall not be subject to the requirements of section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C)).

(b) NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT EX-
EMPTION.—A covered project shall not be considered an undertaking under section 300320 of title 54, United States Code.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission” means the Federal Communications Commission.

(2) COVERED PROJECT.—The term “covered project” means a project—

(A) for—

(i) the mounting or installation of an eligible personal wireless service facility with another eligible personal wireless service facility that exists at the time at which a complete request for authorization of such mounting or installation is filed with a State or local government or instrument-
tality thereof; or
(ii) the modification of an eligible personal wireless service facility; and

(B) for which a permit, license, or approval from the Commission is required or that is otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.

(3) **ELIGIBLE PERSONAL WIRELESS SERVICE FACILITY.**—The term “eligible personal wireless service facility” means any antenna, apparatus, or transmitting device, and any equipment, switches, wiring, cabling, power sources, shelters, or cabinets, for the provision of a personal wireless service.

(4) **PERSONAL WIRELESS SERVICES.**—The term “personal wireless services”—

(A) has the meaning given such term in section 332(c)(7)(C) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 332(c)(7)(C)); and

(B) also includes commercial mobile data service (as defined in section 6001 of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (47 U.S.C. 1401)).

(5) **STATE.**—The term “State” means the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the territories and
possessions of the United States, and each federally recognized Indian Tribe.