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H. R. 10288

To ensure that assistance is available under the ReConnect program without regard to the technology used to provide broadband service, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

Mr. SCHWEIKERT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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 “Rural Broadband Mod-
5 ernization Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AVAILABILITY OF RECONNECT PROGRAM ASSIST-**
2 **ANCE WITHOUT REGARD TO TECHNOLOGY**
3 **USED TO PROVIDE BROADBAND SERVICE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 779 of the Consolidated
5 Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law 115–141) is
6 amended by striking the period at the end and inserting
7 “*Provided further*, That to be eligible for a loan or grant
8 under the program, a project must provide broadband with
9 a transmission capacity of at least 100 Mbps downstream
10 and 20 Mbps upstream; *Provided further*, That an applica-
11 tion for a loan or grant under the program shall not be
12 denied or given lesser preference on the basis of the kind
13 of technology to be used to provide broadband, or on the
14 basis of whether broadband is to be provided through a
15 terrestrial, non-terrestrial, or low-Earth orbit satellite sys-
16 tem, and section 601(e)(3) of the Rural Electrification Act
17 of 1936 shall apply to the program; *Provided further*,
18 That, within 30 days after an award is made under the
19 program, the Secretary shall make available to the public
20 a report on the number of locations to be served and the
21 kind of technology to be used to provide broadband,
22 through use of the award; *Provided further*, That, on com-
23 pletion of a project, the Secretary shall make available to
24 the public a report on the amount of assistance disbursed
25 for the project and the number of locations at which

1 broadband service was made available through the
2 project.”.

3 (b) FINAL REGULATIONS.—Within 180 days after
4 the date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary
5 of Agriculture shall issue final regulations to implement
6 the amendments made by this section.

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