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H. R. 2784

To amend section 1362 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the
destruction of broadband internet access service.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 9, 2025

Ms. LEE of Florida (for herself and Mr. VEASEY) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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service.

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 “Stopping the Theft
5 and Destruction of Broadband Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING DESTRUCTION OF BROADBAND**
7 **INTERNET ACCESS SERVICE.**

8 Section 1362 of title 18, United States Code, is
9 amended—

1 (1) by inserting “, including facilities used to
2 provide broadband internet access service” after
3 “means of communication”;

4 (2) by inserting “or by any other person or en-
5 tity” after “operated or controlled by the United
6 States”;

7 (3) by striking “used or intended to be used for
8 the military or civil defense functions of the United
9 States”; and

10 (4) by adding at the end the following:

11 “For purposes of this section, the term ‘broadband
12 internet access service’—

13 “(1) means a mass-market retail service by wire
14 or radio that provides the capability to transmit data
15 to and receive data from all or substantially all
16 internet endpoints, including any capabilities that
17 are incidental to and enable the operation of the
18 communications service, but excluding dial-up inter-
19 net access service; and

20 “(2) includes any service that the Federal Com-
21 munications Commission finds to be providing a
22 functional equivalent of the service described in
23 paragraph (1).”.

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