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To require the Federal Communications Commission to review and evaluate the processes for updating maps that depict the extent of the availability of broadband internet access service in the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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 “Broadband Mapping
5 Accurate Providers Act of 2026” or the “Broadband MAP
6 Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. MAPPING PROCESS REVIEW AND EVALUATION.**

2 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

3 (1) BROADBAND INTERNET ACCESS SERVICE.—

4 The term “broadband internet access service” has
5 the meaning given the term in section 8.1(b) of title
6 47, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor
7 regulation.

8 (2) BROADBAND MAPS.—The term “broadband
9 maps” means the maps created under section
10 802(c)(1) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47
11 U.S.C. 642(c)(1)).

12 (3) BROADBAND SERVICEABLE LOCATION.—
13 The term “broadband serviceable location” means
14 an area in the United States where a provider of
15 broadband internet access service provides, or could
16 provide, broadband internet access service.

17 (4) CHALLENGE PROCESS.—The term “chal-
18 lenge process” means the challenge process estab-
19 lished pursuant to section 802(b)(5) of the Commu-
20 nications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 642(b)(5)).

21 (5) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”
22 means the Federal Communications Commission.

23 (b) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 120 days after
24 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commission shall
25 initiate a rulemaking to review and evaluate the processes

1 for updating the broadband maps, including the challenge
2 process.

3 (c) CONSIDERATIONS.—In the rulemaking initiated
4 under subsection (b), the Commission shall consider—

5 (1) the relative equities and burdens of any pro-
6 posed changes to the broadband maps;

7 (2) the impact of any proposed changes with re-
8 spect to the use of the broadband maps when mak-
9 ing funding decisions;

10 (3) the impact of any changes proposed in that
11 rulemaking on providers of broadband internet ac-
12 cess service; and

13 (4) ongoing Commission efforts relating to
14 broadband mapping, the restoration of broadband
15 serviceable locations, and the challenge process.

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