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S. 3501

To require the Federal Communications Commission to submit to Congress a report on promoting broadband Internet access service for veterans.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 5, 2016

Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. BOOKER) 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 “Improving Broadband
5 Access for Veterans Act of 2016”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON PROMOTING BROADBAND INTERNET**
2 **ACCESS SERVICE FOR VETERANS.**

3 (a) VETERAN DEFINED.—In this section, the term
4 “veteran” has the meaning given the term in section 101
5 of title 38, United States Code.

6 (b) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 1 year after
7 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Federal Commu-
8 nications Commission shall submit to Congress a report
9 on promoting broadband Internet access service for vet-
10 erans, in particular low-income veterans and veterans re-
11 siding in rural areas. In such report, the Commission
12 shall—

13 (1) examine such access and how to promote
14 such access; and

15 (2) provide findings and recommendations for
16 Congress with respect to such access and how to
17 promote such access.

18 (c) PUBLIC NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY TO COM-
19 MENT.—In preparing the report required by subsection
20 (b), the Commission shall provide the public with notice
21 and an opportunity to comment on broadband Internet ac-
22 cess service for veterans, in particular low-income veterans
23 and veterans residing in rural areas, and how to promote
24 such access.

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