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To direct the Federal Communications Commission to issue rules to secure communications networks against cyber risks, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 2, 2017

Ms. CLARKE of New York introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Cybersecurity Respon-
5 sibility Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. SECURING COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS AGAINST**
7 **CYBER RISKS.**

8 (a) FCC RULES.—Not later than 180 days after the
9 date of the enactment of this Act, the Federal Commu-
10 nications Commission shall issue rules to secure commu-

1 nications networks through managing, assessing, and
2 prioritizing cyber risks and actions to reduce such risks.
3 The Commission, in consultation with the Secretary of
4 Homeland Security, shall include in such rules provisions
5 relating to the treatment of critical infrastructure infor-
6 mation relating to such networks that is submitted to the
7 Commission.

8 (b) APPLICATION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE IN-
9 FORMATION PROTECTIONS.—For purposes of subtitle B
10 of title II of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C.
11 131 et seq.)—

12 (1) communications networks shall be treated
13 as critical infrastructure and protected systems de-
14 fined in sections 2(4) and 212(6) of such Act (6
15 U.S.C. 101(4); 131(6)); and

16 (2) with respect to critical infrastructure infor-
17 mation relating to communications networks, the
18 Federal Communications Commission (in addition to
19 the Department of Homeland Security) shall be
20 treated as a covered Federal agency defined in sec-
21 tion 212(2) of such Act.

22 (c) COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK DEFINED.—In this
23 section, the term “communications network” means a net-
24 work for the provision of wireline or mobile telephone serv-
25 ice, Internet access service, radio or television broad-

- 1 casting, cable service, direct broadcast satellite service, or
- 2 any other communications service.

