

115TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 5007

To direct the Federal Communications Commission to submit to Congress a report evaluating broadband coverage in Indian country and on land held by a Native Corporation and to complete a proceeding to address the unserved areas identified in the report.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 13, 2018

Mr. RUIZ 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 “Tribal Broadband De-
5 ployment Act of 2018”.

6 **SEC. 2. TRIBAL DIGITAL ACCESS.**

7 (a) TRIBAL BROADBAND DATA REPORT.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
2 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commis-
3 sion shall submit to the Committee on Energy and
4 Commerce of the House of Representatives and the
5 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
6 tation of the Senate a report evaluating broadband
7 coverage in Indian country (as defined in section
8 1151 of title 18, United States Code) and on land
9 held by a Native Corporation pursuant to the Alaska
10 Native Claims Settlement Act.

11 (2) REQUIRED ASSESSMENTS.—The report re-
12 quired by paragraph (1) shall include the following:

13 (A) An assessment of areas of Indian
14 country (as so defined) and land held by a Na-
15 tive Corporation pursuant to the Alaska Native
16 Claims Settlement Act that have adequate
17 broadband coverage.

18 (B) An assessment of unserved areas of
19 Indian country (as so defined) and land held by
20 a Native Corporation pursuant to the Alaska
21 Native Claims Settlement Act.

22 (b) TRIBAL BROADBAND RULEMAKING.—Not later
23 than 30 months after the date of the enactment of this
24 Act, the Commission shall complete a proceeding to ad-

1 dress the unserved areas identified in the report under
2 subsection (a).

3 (c) COMMISSION DEFINED.—In this section, the term
4 “Commission” means the Federal Communications Com-
5 mission.

