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To improve the mapping of wireless broadband coverage.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mr. HOEVEN)
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 Mapping Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act—

8 (1) the term “Commission” means the Federal
9 Communications Commission; and

10 (2) the term “coverage” means wireless
11 broadband coverage.

1 **SEC. 3. VERIFICATION OF WIRELESS BROADBAND COV-**
2 **ERAGE DATA.**

3 (a) RULEMAKING.—Not later than 1 year after the
4 date of enactment of this Act, the Commission shall ini-
5 tiate a rulemaking to establish a process to use coverage
6 data reported by consumers and State, local, and Tribal
7 government entities to verify coverage data reported by
8 wireless carriers.

9 (b) CONSUMER DATA.—The Commission shall con-
10 sider including in the process established under subsection
11 (a) a mechanism to incorporate coverage data obtained
12 from consumers through—

13 (1) the FCC Speed Test mobile application, in-
14 cluding any successor to that application; and

15 (2) any application through which consumers
16 report coverage data.

17 (c) STATE, LOCAL, AND TRIBAL DATA.—The Com-
18 mission shall consider including in the process established
19 under subsection (a) a mechanism for the Commission to
20 incorporate coverage data obtained from State, local, or
21 Tribal government entities that are primarily responsible
22 for mapping or tracking coverage for a State, unit of local
23 government, or Indian Tribe, as applicable.

1 **SEC. 4. EVIDENTIARY PROCESS FOR FIXED AND MOBILE**
2 **BROADBAND SERVICES.**

3 In addition to the consumer input contemplated
4 under section 3 with respect to mobile wireless coverage
5 data, the Commission shall consider other measures, in-
6 cluding, but not limited to, an evidence-based challenge
7 process, to help in verifying coverage data reported by pro-
8 viders of both fixed and mobile broadband services.

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