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To direct the Federal Communications Commission to establish a challenge process to verify fixed and mobile broadband service coverage data.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 9, 2019

Mr. LATTA (for himself and Mr. WELCH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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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 After Public Scrutiny Act of 2019" or the "Broadband

6 MAPS Act of 2019".

7 **SEC. 2. VERIFICATION OF BROADBAND SERVICE COV-**

8   **ERAGE DATA.**

9   (a) RULEMAKING.—Not later than 6 months after

10 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commission

1 shall initiate a rulemaking to establish a challenge process
2 to collect and use fixed and mobile broadband service cov-
3 erage data submitted to the Commission by private enti-
4 ties and State, local, and Tribal government entities to
5 verify fixed and mobile broadband service coverage data
6 reported to the Commission by fixed and mobile
7 broadband service providers.

8 (b) DATA SUBMISSION STANDARDS.—The process es-
9 tablished under subsection (a) shall include uniform stand-
10 ards for data submitted through such process to ensure
11 consistent and accurate reporting methods.

12 (c) DATA VALIDATION.—The process established
13 under subsection (a) shall include an evidence-based meth-
14 od to validate the accuracy of data submitted through such
15 process.

16 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17 (1) COMMISSION.—The term "Commission"
18 means the Federal Communications Commission.

19 (2) STATE.—The term "State" has the mean-
20 ing given such term in section 3 of the Communica-
21 tions Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 153).

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