

116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 4449

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to add access to telecommunications and information services in Indian country and areas with high populations of Indian people to the universal service principle relating to access to such services in rural, insular, and high cost areas.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 20, 2019

Mr. RUIZ (for himself and Mr. O'HALLERAN) 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 “Tribal Internet Expan-  
5 sion Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. UNIVERSAL SERVICE IN INDIAN COUNTRY AND**  
2 **AREAS WITH HIGH POPULATIONS OF INDIAN**  
3 **PEOPLE.**

4 Section 254(b)(3) of the Communications Act of  
5 1934 (47 U.S.C. 254(b)(3)) is amended by inserting “and  
6 in Indian country (as defined in section 1151 of title 18,  
7 United States Code) and areas with high populations of  
8 Indian (as defined in section 19 of the Act of June 18,  
9 1934 (Chapter 576; 48 Stat. 988; 25 U.S.C. 5129)) peo-  
10 ple” after “high cost areas”.

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