

119TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 2474

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 25, 2026

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and
Public Works

AN ACT

To require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on the capability of the Appalachian Regional Commission to include satellites in broadband projects, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Expanding Appa-
3 lachia’s Broadband Access Act”.

4 **SEC. 2 GAO STUDY ON SATELLITE BROADBAND.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
6 date of enactment of this section, the Comptroller General
7 of the United States shall conduct, and submit to Con-
8 gress the results thereof, a study on the capability of the
9 Appalachian Regional Commission to incorporate satellites
10 in broadband projects.

11 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—In conducting the study under
12 subsection (a), the Comptroller General shall—

13 (1) review the capacity of satellite broadband
14 services to be used for business purposes;

15 (2) evaluate economic development growth in
16 areas that have used satellite broadband for busi-
17 nesses; and

18 (3) analyze the cost-effectiveness of imple-
19 menting broadband via satellites for economic devel-
20 opment.

Passed the House of Representatives March 24,
2026.

Attest: KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.