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To direct the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to conduct a study and submit to Congress a report on the technologies used to provide broadband internet access service, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. McCLAIN DELANEY (for herself, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. BEYER, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. FIELDS, Mr. FIGURES, and Mr. CLYBURN) 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 “Broadband Deploy-
5 ment and Economic Impact Study Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. STUDY AND REPORT ON BROADBAND INTERNET AC-**
2 **CESS SERVICE TECHNOLOGIES.**

3 (a) STUDY.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Assistant Secretary
5 shall conduct a study to determine, with respect to
6 each technology used to provide broadband internet
7 access service, the following:

8 (A) The workforce required for deploy-
9 ment.

10 (B) The economics of deployment.

11 (C) Application to varying geographies.

12 (D) Latency, speed (including download
13 and upload speeds), and capacity.

14 (E) The anticipated lifespan of such tech-
15 nology and the equipment and infrastructure
16 associated with such technology.

17 (F) The cost to consumers of a monthly
18 subscription and required equipment.

19 (2) TECHNOLOGIES INCLUDED.—The tech-
20 nologies covered by the study required by paragraph
21 (1) shall include the following:

22 (A) Fiber-optic cable.

23 (B) Cable modem.

24 (C) Digital subscriber line.

25 (D) Fixed wireless.

26 (E) 4G and 5G mobile wireless.

1 (F) Low-earth orbit satellite.

2 (G) Geostationary orbit satellite.

3 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
4 of the enactment of this Act, the Assistant Secretary shall
5 submit to Congress a report on the results of the study
6 conducted under subsection (a).

7 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) ASSISTANT SECRETARY.—The term “Assist-
9 ant Secretary” means the Assistant Secretary of
10 Commerce for Communications and Information.

11 (2) BROADBAND INTERNET ACCESS SERVICE.—
12 The term “broadband internet access service” has
13 the meaning given such term in section 8.1(b) of
14 title 47, Code of Federal Regulations (or any suc-
15 cessor regulation).

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