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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 5, 2025

Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Mr. LUJÁN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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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 “Secure Space Act of
5 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON GRANT OF CERTAIN SATELLITE**
7 **LICENSES, UNITED STATES MARKET ACCESS,**
8 **OR EARTH STATION AUTHORIZATIONS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secure and Trusted Commu-
10 nications Networks Act of 2019 (47 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.)
11 is amended—

12 (1) by redesignating sections 10 and 11 as sec-
13 tions 11 and 12, respectively; and

14 (2) by inserting after section 9 the following:

15 **“SEC. 10. PROHIBITION ON GRANT OF CERTAIN SATELLITE**
16 **LICENSES, UNITED STATES MARKET ACCESS,**
17 **OR EARTH STATION AUTHORIZATIONS.**

18 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 “(1) AFFILIATE.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘affiliate’
21 means an entity that (directly or indirectly)
22 owns or controls, is owned or controlled by, or
23 is under common ownership or control with, an-
24 other entity.

1 “(B) OWN.—For purposes of this para-
2 graph, the term ‘own’ means to have, possess,
3 or otherwise control an equity interest (or the
4 equivalent thereof) of not less than 10 percent.

5 “(2) BLANKET-LICENSED EARTH STATION.—
6 The term ‘blanket-licensed earth station’ means an
7 earth station that is licensed with a geostationary
8 orbit satellite system or a nongeostationary orbit
9 satellite system.

10 “(3) GATEWAY STATION.—The term ‘gateway
11 station’ means an earth station or a group of earth
12 stations that—

13 “(A) supports the routing and switching
14 functions of a geostationary orbit satellite sys-
15 tem or a nongeostationary orbit satellite sys-
16 tem;

17 “(B) may also be used for telemetry, track-
18 ing, and command transmissions;

19 “(C) does not originate or terminate com-
20 munication traffic; and

21 “(D) is not for the exclusive use of any
22 customer.

23 “(4) INDIVIDUALLY LICENSED EARTH STA-
24 TION.—The term ‘individually licensed earth station’
25 means—

1 “(A) an earth station (other than a blan-
2 ket-licensed earth station) that sends a signal
3 to, and receives a signal from, a geostationary
4 orbit satellite system or a nongeostationary
5 orbit satellite system; or

6 “(B) a gateway station.

7 “(b) PROHIBITION.—The Commission may not grant
8 a license for, or a petition for a declaratory ruling to ac-
9 cess the United States market using, a geostationary orbit
10 satellite system or a nongeostationary orbit satellite sys-
11 tem, or an authorization to use an individually licensed
12 earth station or a blanket-licensed earth station, if the li-
13 cense, grant of market access, or authorization would be
14 held or controlled by—

15 “(1) an entity that produces or provides any
16 covered communications equipment or service; or

17 “(2) an affiliate of an entity described in para-
18 graph (1).”.

19 (b) APPLICABILITY.—Section 10 of the Secure and
20 Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019, as added
21 by subsection (a), shall apply with respect to the grant
22 of a license, petition, or authorization on or after the date
23 of enactment of this Act.

24 (c) RULES.—Not later than 1 year after the date of
25 enactment of this Act, the Federal Communications Com-

1 mission shall issue rules to implement section 10 of the
2 Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of
3 2019, as added by subsection (a).

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