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To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to modify the definition of franchise fee, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 9, 2025

Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. SMITH, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mr. PADILLA) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 “Protecting Community
5 Television Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. MODIFYING THE DEFINITION OF FRANCHISE FEE.**

7 Section 622(g)(1) of the Communications Act of
8 1934 (47 U.S.C. 542(g)(1)) is amended—

- 1 (1) by striking “includes” and inserting
- 2 “means”; and
- 3 (2) by inserting “other monetary” before “as-
- 4 sessment”.

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