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S. 3259

To amend the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to require remaining funds under the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program to be used for deficit reduction.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. ERNST (for herself and Mr. CRUZ) 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 “Recovering Excess
5 Communications Appropriations while Protecting Tele-
6 communications Upgrades, Reinvestment, and Expansion
7 Act” or the “RECAPTURE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. USE OF REMAINING BEAD FUNDS FOR DEFICIT RE-**
 2 **DUCTION.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 60102(e)(4) of the Infra-
 4 structure Investment and Jobs Act (47 U.S.C.
 5 1702(e)(4)) is amended—

6 (1) in subparagraph (D)(ii)(III), by striking “,
 7 shall make available to the eligible entity the remain-
 8 der of the grant funds allocated to the eligible entity
 9 under subsection (c);” and inserting the following: “,
 10 shall, with respect to the remainder of the grant
 11 funds allocated to the eligible entity under sub-
 12 section (c)—

13 “(aa) make available to the
 14 eligible entity the portion of those
 15 remaining funds that have been
 16 designated for a specific purpose
 17 in the final proposal; and

18 “(bb) deposit in the general
 19 fund of the Treasury, for the sole
 20 purpose of deficit reduction, the
 21 portion of those remaining funds
 22 that have not been designated for
 23 a specific purpose in the final
 24 proposal;”; and

25 (2) in subparagraph (E)(ii)(III), by striking “,
 26 shall make available to the eligible entity the remain-

1 der of the grant funds allocated to the eligible entity
 2 under subsection (c);” and inserting the following: “,
 3 shall, with respect to the remainder of the grant
 4 funds allocated to the eligible entity under sub-
 5 section (c)—

6 “(aa) make available to the
 7 eligible entity the portion of those
 8 remaining funds that have been
 9 designated for a specific purpose
 10 in the final proposal; and

11 “(bb) deposit in the general
 12 fund of the Treasury, for the sole
 13 purpose of deficit reduction, the
 14 portion of those remaining funds
 15 that have not been designated for
 16 a specific purpose in the final
 17 proposal;”.

18 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—
 19 Section 60102 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs
 20 Act (47 U.S.C. 1702) is amended—

21 (1) in subsection (c)(5)(C)—

22 (A) by striking clause (ii);

23 (B) by striking “REALLOCATION TO
 24 OTHER ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—” and all that fol-
 25 lows through “The Assistant Secretary” and in-

1 serting “REALLOCATION TO OTHER ELIGIBLE
2 ENTITIES DUE TO APPLICATION FAILURES.—
3 The Assistant Secretary”;

4 (C) by redesignating subclauses (I) and
5 (II) as clauses (i) and (ii), respectively, and ad-
6 justing the margins accordingly; and

7 (D) in clause (ii), as so redesignated, by
8 striking “subclause (I) of this clause” and in-
9 serting “clause (i) of this subparagraph”; and

10 (2) in subsection (e)(4)(A)(i), in the matter pre-
11 ceding subclause (I), by striking “approvals” and in-
12 serting “approves”.

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