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To direct the Federal Communications Commission to establish a methodology for the collection by the Commission of mobile service coverage data.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LOEBSACK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Rural Wireless Access
5 Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. METHODOLOGY FOR COLLECTION OF MOBILE**
2 **SERVICE COVERAGE DATA.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 180 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Federal Commu-
5 nications Commission shall promulgate regulations to es-
6 tablish a methodology that shall apply to any collection
7 by the Commission of coverage data relating to commer-
8 cial mobile service or commercial mobile data service.

9 (b) **REQUIREMENTS.**—The methodology established
10 under subsection (a) shall—

11 (1) contain standard definitions for different
12 speed tiers (such as the 2G, 3G, 4G, 4G LTE, and
13 5G tiers);

14 (2) ensure that data is collected in a consistent
15 and robust way;

16 (3) improve the validity and reliability of data;
17 and

18 (4) increase the efficiency of data collection.

19 (c) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

20 (1) **COMMERCIAL MOBILE DATA SERVICE.**—The
21 term “commercial mobile data service” has the
22 meaning given such term in section 6001 of the Mid-
23 dle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012
24 (47 U.S.C. 1401).

25 (2) **COMMERCIAL MOBILE SERVICE.**—The term
26 “commercial mobile service” has the meaning given

1 such term in section 332 of the Communications Act
2 of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 332).

3 (3) COVERAGE DATA.—The term “coverage
4 data” means, with respect to commercial mobile
5 service or commercial mobile data service—

6 (A) information regarding whether such
7 service is available in a particular geographic lo-
8 cation in the United States; and

9 (B) if such service is available, information
10 about such service, which may include available
11 speed tiers and performance characteristics.