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119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To direct the Federal Communications Commission to prioritize the timely processing of certain long-form applications in the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Phase II auction.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

A BILL

To direct the Federal Communications Commission to prioritize the timely processing of certain long-form applications in the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Phase II auction.

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 Broadband Win-
5 dow of Opportunity Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

2 The purpose of this Act is to level the playing field
3 for service providers participating in the Rural Digital Op-
4 portunity Fund that are disadvantaged by short construc-
5 tion seasons.

6 **SEC. 3. APPLICATION PROCESSING PRIORITIZATION.**

7 With respect to the long-form applicants of the Rural
8 Digital Opportunity Fund Phase II auction provided for
9 in the Report and Order in the matter of Rural Digital
10 Opportunity Fund and Connect America Fund adopted by
11 the Federal Communications Commission (in this section
12 referred to as the “Commission”) on January 30, 2020
13 (FCC 20–5), the Commission shall prioritize the timely
14 processing of long-form applications and any subsequent
15 paperwork (in this section referred to as the “applica-
16 tions”) submitted by the long-form applicants as follows:
17 The Commission shall prioritize the timely processing of
18 applications which are proposing to provide service in geo-
19 graphic areas which the Commission determines to have
20 the shortest construction seasons (such as in areas charac-
21 terized by long winters with heavy snowfall).