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To direct the Federal Communications Commission to promulgate regulations to collect regulatory fees from large technology platforms.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BERGMAN 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 “Big Tech Account-
5 ability for Broadband Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. COLLECTION OF REGULATORY FEES FROM LARGE**
7 **TECHNOLOGY PLATFORMS.**

8 (a) REGULATIONS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
2 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
3 Commission shall, notwithstanding subsection (d) of
4 section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47
5 U.S.C. 254), promulgate regulations to require cov-
6 ered businesses to contribute to the Federal uni-
7 versal service support mechanism under such sec-
8 tion.

9 (2) FEE STRUCTURE.—Such regulations shall
10 include a fee structure to be assessed on covered
11 businesses.

12 (b) CONSIDERATIONS.—In promulgating regulations
13 under subsection (a), the Commission shall consider in-
14 cluding in such regulations a mechanism to prohibit a tele-
15 communications carrier from levying on a customer of
16 such carrier charges relating to the required contributions
17 of such carriers to Federal universal service support mech-
18 anism under section 254(d) of the Communications Act
19 of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 254), if such customer is considered
20 by the Commission to be unserved or underserved with re-
21 spect to broadband internet access service.

22 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

23 (1) BROADBAND INTERNET ACCESS SERVICE.—
24 The term “broadband internet access service” has

1 the meaning that term under section 8.1(b) of title
2 47, Code of Federal Regulations.

3 (2) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”
4 means the Federal Communications Commission.

5 (3) COVERED BUSINESS.—The term “covered
6 business”—

7 (A) means a business offering an online
8 platform which—

9 (i) in any month during the most re-
10 cently completed 12-month period—

11 (I) more than 30,000,000 users
12 in the United States accessed, without
13 regard to the means by which the
14 users accessed the service; or

15 (II) more than 300,000,000
16 users worldwide accessed, without re-
17 gard to the means by which the users
18 accessed the service; and

19 (ii) during the most recently com-
20 pleted taxable year, had more than
21 \$10,000,000,000 in global revenue; and

22 (B) does not include an organization de-
23 scribed in section 501(c) of the Internal Rev-
24 enue Code of 1986 that is exempt from taxation
25 under section 501(a) of such Code.

1 (4) ONLINE PLATFORM.—The term “online
2 platform” means a website, online or mobile applica-
3 tion, mobile operating system, digital assistant, or
4 online service that is designed primarily to—

5 (A) enable a user to generate content that
6 can be viewed by other users on the platform or
7 to interact with other content on the platform;

8 (B) facilitate the offering, sale, purchase,
9 payment, or shipping of products or services,
10 including software applications, between and
11 among consumers or businesses not controlled
12 by the platform operator; or

13 (C) enable user searches or queries that
14 access or display a large volume of information.