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[Report No. 119-]

To require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on the capability of the Appalachian Regional Commission to include low-orbit satellites in broadband projects, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 27, 2025

Mr. TAYLOR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

FEBRUARY --, 2026

Reported with amendments, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on March 27, 2025]

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 “Expanding Appalachia’s*
5 *Broadband Access Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2 GAO STUDY ON SATELLITE BROADBAND.**

7 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date*
8 *of enactment of this section, the Comptroller General of the*
9 *United States shall conduct, and submit to Congress the re-*
10 *sults thereof, a study on the capability of the Appalachian*
11 *Regional Commission to incorporate satellites in broadband*
12 *projects.*

13 *(b) REQUIREMENTS.—In conducting the study under*
14 *subsection (a), the Comptroller General shall—*

15 *(1) review the capacity of satellite broadband*
16 *services to be used for business purposes;*

17 *(2) evaluate economic development growth in*
18 *areas that have used satellite broadband for busi-*
19 *nesses; and*

20 *(3) analyze the cost-effectiveness of implementing*
21 *broadband via satellites for economic development.*

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on the capability of the Appalachian Regional Commission to include satellites in broadband projects, and for other purposes.”.