

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
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At the end of subtitle D, add the following:

1 CHAPTER 4—OTHER MATTER

2 SEC. 3331. REPORT ON TRACKING FORM 299 REQUESTS.

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Assistant Secretary
5 shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress
6 a report containing the elements described in subsection
7 (b).

8 (b) ELEMENTS DESCRIBED.—The elements described
9 in this subsection are the following:

10 (1) A plan describing how the Assistant Sec-
11 retary will track the acceptance, processing, and dis-
12 posal of a Form 299 submitted to the Secretary con-
13 cerned by a requesting party.

14 (2) A description of how the Assistant Sec-
15 retary would most expeditiously implement the plan
16 described in paragraph (1).

17 (3) A description of how the Assistant Sec-
18 retary may increase transparency to a requesting

1 party on the status of a Form 299 received by the
2 Secretary concerned.

3 (4) A description of any barriers the Assistant
4 Secretary determines could delay the implementation
5 of the plan described in paragraph (1).

6 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
8 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
9 gress” means—

10 (A) the Committee on Energy and Com-
11 merce of the House of Representatives; and

12 (B) the Committee on Commerce, Science,
13 and Transportation of the Senate.

14 (2) ASSISTANT SECRETARY.—The term “Assist-
15 ant Secretary” means the Assistant Secretary of
16 Commerce for Communications and Information.

17 (3) FORM 299.—The term “Form 299” means
18 the form developed pursuant to section
19 6409(b)(2)(A) of the Middle Class Tax Relief and
20 Job Creation Act of 2012 (47 U.S.C.
21 1455(b)(2)(A)), or any successor form.

22 (4) NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM.—The term
23 “National Forest System” has the meaning given
24 the term in section 11(a) of the Forest and Range-

1 land Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 (16
2 U.S.C. 1609(a)).

3 (5) PUBLIC LAND.—The term “public land”
4 means land under the management of—

5 (A) the Bureau of Land Management;

6 (B) the National Park Service;

7 (C) the United States Fish and Wildlife
8 Service; or

9 (D) the Bureau of Reclamation.

10 (6) SECRETARY CONCERNED.—The term “Sec-
11 retary concerned” means—

12 (A) the Secretary of the Interior, with re-
13 spect to public land; and

14 (B) the Secretary of Agriculture, with re-
15 spect to National Forest System land.

