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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. CAMMACK (for herself and Ms. MATSUI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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Reported from the Committee on Natural Resources

## **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 “Deploying Infrastruc-  
5 ture with Greater Internet Transactions And Legacy Ap-  
6 plications Act” or the “DIGITAL Applications Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF ONLINE PORTALS TO ACCEPT,**  
8 **PROCESS, AND DISPOSE OF CERTAIN FORM**  
9 **299s.**

10 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF ONLINE PORTALS.—

11 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 1 year  
12 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
13 retaries concerned shall each establish, with respect  
14 to the relevant covered department, an online portal  
15 for the acceptance, processing, and disposal of a  
16 Form 299 for communications use authorizations.

17 (2) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 3 business  
18 days after the date on which an online portal has  
19 been established by a Secretary pursuant to para-  
20 graph (1), that Secretary shall notify the Assistant  
21 Secretary of the establishment of such portal.

22 (b) AVAILABILITY OF ONLINE PORTALS.—The As-  
23 sistant Secretary shall publish on the website of the Na-  
24 tional Telecommunications and Information Administra-

1 tion a link to each online portal established pursuant to  
2 subsection (a)(1).

3 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) ASSISTANT SECRETARY.—The term “Assist-  
5 ant Secretary” means the Assistant Secretary of  
6 Commerce for Communications and Information.

7 (2) COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY.—The term  
8 “communications facility” has the meaning given the  
9 term “communications facility installation” in sec-  
10 tion 6409(d) of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job  
11 Creation Act of 2012 (47 U.S.C. 1455(d)).

12 (3) COMMUNICATIONS USE.—The term “com-  
13 munications use” means the placement and oper-  
14 ation of a communications facility.

15 (4) COMMUNICATIONS USE AUTHORIZATION.—  
16 The term “communications use authorization”  
17 means an easement, right-of-way, lease, license, or  
18 other authorization—

19 (A) provided by the Secretary of the Inte-  
20 rior or the Secretary of Agriculture;

21 (B) to locate or modify a communications  
22 facility on covered land; and

23 (C) for the primary purpose of authorizing  
24 the occupancy and use of such covered land for  
25 communications use.

1           (5) COVERED LAND.—The term “covered land”  
2 means—

3           (A) public lands; and

4           (B) National Forest System land.

5           (6) FORM 299.—The term “Form 299” means  
6 the form established under section 6409(b)(2)(A) of  
7 the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act  
8 of 2012 (47 U.S.C. 1455(b)(2)(A)), or any successor  
9 form.

10          (7) NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM.—The term  
11 “National Forest System” has the meaning given  
12 that term in section 11(a) of the Forest and Range-  
13 land Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 (16  
14 U.S.C. 1609(a)).

15          (8) PUBLIC LANDS.—The term “public lands”  
16 has the meaning given that term in section 103 of  
17 the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of  
18 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1702).

19          (9) RELEVANT COVERED DEPARTMENT.—The  
20 term “relevant covered department” means—

21           (A) with respect to the Secretary of the In-  
22 terior, the Department of the Interior; and

23           (B) with respect to the Secretary of Agri-  
24 culture, the Department of Agriculture.

1           (10) SECRETARIES CONCERNED.—The term  
2           “Secretaries concerned” means—  
3                   (A) the Secretary of the Interior; and  
4                   (B) the Secretary of Agriculture, acting  
5           through the Chief of the Forest Service.