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To amend the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 to protect the spectrum usage rights of low-power television stations, television translator stations, and television booster stations, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Barton 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 “LPTV and Translator
5 Preservation Act of 2014”.

Section 6403(b)(5) of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (47 U.S.C. 1452(b)(5)) is amended to read as follows:

“(5) LOW-POWER TELEVISION, TELEVISION TRANSLATOR, AND TELEVISION BOOSTER STATIONS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to alter the spectrum usage rights of low-power television stations, television translator stations, or television booster stations.

“(B) PRESERVATION.—The Commission shall—

“(i) consider the benefits of low-power television stations, television translator stations, and television booster stations to the communities of license of such stations;

“(ii) where possible, avoid the termination of a low-power television station, television translator station, or television booster station, as long as such avoidance does not adversely impact the reverse auc-
tion under subsection (a)(1) or the forward auction under subsection (e)(1); and

“(iii) after the completion of the reassignments and reallocations under paragraph (1)(B), permit any low-power television station, television translator station, or television booster station to request to operate at reduced power or from a different transmitter location consistent with the Commission’s rules, if such station would otherwise lose its license as a result of such reassignments or reallocations.”.