H. R. 2643

To direct the Federal Communications Commission to establish a challenge process to verify fixed and mobile broadband service coverage data.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 9, 2019

Mr. LATTA (for himself and Mr. WELCH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SEC. 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Broadband Mapping After Public Scrutiny Act of 2019” or the “Broadband MAPS Act of 2019”.

SEC. 2. VERIFICATION OF BROADBAND SERVICE COVERAGE DATA.

(a) RULEMAKING.—Not later than 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commission
shall initiate a rulemaking to establish a challenge process
to collect and use fixed and mobile broadband service cov-
erage data submitted to the Commission by private enti-
ties and State, local, and Tribal government entities to
verify fixed and mobile broadband service coverage data
reported to the Commission by fixed and mobile
broadband service providers.

(b) DATA SUBMISSION STANDARDS.—The process es-
tablished under subsection (a) shall include uniform stand-
ards for data submitted through such process to ensure
consistent and accurate reporting methods.

(c) DATA VALIDATION.—The process established
under subsection (a) shall include an evidence-based meth-
od to validate the accuracy of data submitted through such
process.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”
means the Federal Communications Commission.

(2) STATE.—The term “State” has the mean-
ing given such term in section 3 of the Communica-