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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. WALBERG introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on

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,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Promoting United States Wireless Leadership Act of 2019”.

(Original Signature of Member)
SEC. 2. REPRESENTATION AND LEADERSHIP OF UNITED STATES IN COMMUNICATIONS STANDARDS-SETTING BODIES.

(a) In General.—In order to enhance the representation of the United States and promote United States leadership in standards-setting bodies that set standards for 5G networks and for future generations of wireless communications networks, the Assistant Secretary shall, in consultation with the National Institute for Standards and Technology, coordinate executive branch efforts to—

(1) encourage participation by trusted companies and a wide variety of relevant stakeholders (to the extent such standards-setting bodies allow such stakeholders to participate) in such standards-setting bodies; and

(2) offer technical expertise to trusted companies and a wide variety of relevant stakeholders (to the extent such standards-setting bodies allow such stakeholders to participate) to facilitate such participation.

(b) Standards-setting Bodies.—The standards-setting bodies referred to in subsection (a) include, but is not limited to—

(1) the International Organization for Standardization;
(2) the voluntary standards-setting bodies that develop protocols for wireless devices and other equipment, such as the 3GPP and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers; and

(3) any standards-setting body accredited by the American National Standards Institute or Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions.

(c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Assistant Secretary shall brief the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate on a strategy to carry out subsection (a).

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) 3GPP.—The term “3GPP” means the 3rd Generation Partnership Project.

(2) 5G NETWORK.—The term “5G network” means a fifth-generation mobile network as described by 3GPP Release 15 or higher.

(3) ASSISTANT SECRETARY.—The term “Assistant Secretary” means the Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information.

(4) CLOUD COMPUTING.—The term “cloud computing” has the meaning given the term in Special Publication 800–145 of the National Institute of

(5) COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK.—The term “communications network” means any of the following:

(A) A system enabling the transmission, between or among points specified by the user, of information of the user’s choosing.

(B) Cloud computing resources.

(C) A network or system used to access cloud computing resources.

(6) TRUSTED COMPANY.—The term “trusted company” means a company that is determined by the Assistant Secretary not to pose a threat to the national security of the United States. In making such a determination, the Assistant Secretary shall consult the heads of the intelligence community (as defined in section 3 of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003)) and consider whether such company is listed on the entity list maintained by the Bureau of Industry and Security of the Department of Commerce and set forth in Supplement No. 4 to part 744 of the Export Administration Regula-
tions (subchapter C of chapter VII of title 15, Code
of Federal Regulations).