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AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study and submit a report on filing requirements under the Universal Service Fund programs.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—114th Cong., 2d Sess.

S. 2644

To reauthorize the Federal Communications Commission for fiscal years 2017 and 2018, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. SULLIVAN

Viz:

- 1 At the appropriate place, insert the following:
- 2 **SEC. ____ . STUDY AND REPORT ON FILING REQUIREMENTS**
- 3 **UNDER UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND PRO-**
- 4 **GRAMS.**
- 5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—
- 6 (1) the term “Commission” means the Federal
- 7 Communications Commission;
- 8 (2) the term “covered carrier” means an eligi-
- 9 ble telecommunications carrier or service provider
- 10 that receives universal service support under sections
- 11 214(e) and 254 of the Communications Act of 1934

1 (47 U.S.C. 214(e) and 254) for the provision of
2 service under a Universal Service Fund program;
3 and

4 (3) the term “Universal Service Fund program”
5 means—

6 (A) the Connect America Fund of the
7 Commission set forth under subpart D of part
8 54 of title 47, Code of Federal Regulations, or
9 any successor thereto;

10 (B) the Lifeline program of the Commis-
11 sion set forth under subpart E of part 54 of
12 title 47, Code of Federal Regulations, or any
13 successor thereto;

14 (C) the E-Rate program of the Commis-
15 sion set forth under subpart F of part 54 of
16 title 47, Code of Federal Regulations, or any
17 successor thereto; or

18 (D) the Rural Health Care program of the
19 Commission set forth under subpart G of part
20 54 of title 47, Code of Federal Regulations, or
21 any successor thereto.

22 (b) STUDY AND REPORT.—Not later than 180 days
23 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller
24 General of the United States shall conduct a study and
25 submit to the Commission and the Committee on Com-

1 merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report,
2 which shall include—

3 (1) an analysis of the filing requirements for
4 covered carriers participating in a Universal Service
5 Fund program, including any filings required by the
6 Universal Service Administrative Company and the
7 National Exchange Carrier Association;

8 (2) an analysis of the financial impact of those
9 filing requirements on covered carriers participating
10 in a Universal Service Fund program; and

11 (3) recommendations on how to consolidate re-
12 dundant filing requirements for covered carriers par-
13 ticipating in a Universal Service Fund program.