



AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To assess unlicensed spectrum and Wi-Fi use in low-income neighborhoods.

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To provide opportunities for broadband investment, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. BOOKER

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1 At the appropriate place, insert the following:

2 **SEC. ____ . GAO ASSESSMENT OF UNLICENSED SPECTRUM**
3 **AND WI-FI USE IN LOW-INCOME NEIGHBOR-**
4 **HOODS.**

5 (a) STUDY.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of
7 the United States shall conduct a study to evaluate
8 the availability of broadband Internet access using
9 unlicensed spectrum and wireless networks in low in-
10 come neighborhoods.

1 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—In conducting the study
2 under paragraph (1), the Comptroller General shall
3 consider and evaluate—

4 (A) the availability of wireless Internet hot
5 spots and access to unlicensed spectrum in low-
6 income neighborhoods, particularly for elemen-
7 tary and school-aged children in such neighbor-
8 hoods;

9 (B) any barriers preventing or limiting the
10 deployment and use of wireless networks in low-
11 income neighborhoods;

12 (C) how to overcome any barriers described
13 in subparagraph (B), including through incen-
14 tives, policies, or requirements that would in-
15 crease the availability of unlicensed spectrum
16 and related technologies in low-income neigh-
17 borhoods; and

18 (D) how to encourage home broadband
19 adoption by households with elementary and
20 secondary school-age children that are in low-
21 income neighborhoods.

22 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
23 of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall
24 submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
25 Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on En-

1 ergy and Commerce of the House of Representatives a re-
2 port that—

3 (1) summarizes the findings of the study con-
4 ducted under subsection (a); and

5 (2) makes recommendations with respect to po-
6 tential incentives, policies, and requirements that
7 could help achieve the goals described in subpara-
8 graphs (C) and (D) of subsection (a)(2).