

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 6473

To amend the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 to reauthorize the Community Connect Grant Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 21, 2023

Ms. STANSBURY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Community Connect
5 Grant Program Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. COMMUNITY CONNECT GRANT PROGRAM.**

7 Section 604 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936
8 (7 U.S.C. 950bb–3) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)—

2 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “less
3 than the” and all that follows through the pe-
4 riod at the end and inserting the following:
5 “less than—

6 “(A) a 100-Mbps downstream transmission
7 capacity; and

8 “(B) a 20-Mbps upstream transmission ca-
9 pacity.”; and

10 (B) in paragraph (2)—

11 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
12 graph (A), by striking “an area” and in-
13 serting “a rural area”;

14 (ii) in subparagraph (A), by striking
15 “10-Mbps” and inserting “25-Mbps”; and

16 (iii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
17 “1-Mbps” and inserting “3-Mbps”;

18 (2) in subsection (d)(2)(A), by striking “area;
19 or” and inserting “area (including any eligible
20 broadband service that will be provided in the future
21 in the eligible service area pursuant to enforceable
22 commitments for network deployment applicable
23 under another broadband funding program); or”;
24 and

1 (3) in subsection (g), by striking “2023” and
2 inserting “2028”.

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