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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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 “Communications and
5 Technology Transparency Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECH-**
2 **NOLOGY OR SERVICES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secure and Trusted Commu-
4 nications Networks Act of 2019 (47 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.)
5 is amended—

6 (1) by striking “communications equipment or
7 service” each place it appears (except in section 4)
8 and inserting “information and communications
9 technology or service”;

10 (2) by striking “communications equipment or
11 services” each place it appears (except in section 4)
12 and inserting “information and communications
13 technology or services”;

14 (3) by striking “equipment or service” each
15 place it appears (except in section 4) and inserting
16 “technology or service”;

17 (4) in section 2—

18 (A) in the heading, by striking “**COMMU-**
19 **NICATIONS EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES**” and
20 inserting “**INFORMATION AND COMMUNICA-**
21 **TIONS TECHNOLOGY OR SERVICES**”;

22 (B) in subsection (a), in the heading, by
23 striking “**COVERED COMMUNICATIONS EQUIP-**
24 **MENT OR SERVICES**” and inserting “**COVERED**
25 **INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECH-**
26 **NOLOGY OR SERVICES**”; and

1 (C) in subsection (b), by inserting “adopt
2 an order to” before “place”; and
3 (5) in section 9—

4 (A) by striking paragraph (4);

5 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (5), (6),
6 and (7) as paragraphs (4), (5), and (6), respec-
7 tively;

8 (C) in paragraph (4) (as so redesignated),
9 by striking “COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT OR
10 SERVICE” and inserting “INFORMATION AND
11 COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY OR SERVICE”;
12 and

13 (D) by inserting after paragraph (6) (as so
14 redesignated) the following:

15 “(7) INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS
16 TECHNOLOGY OR SERVICES.—The term ‘information
17 and communications technology or services’ has the
18 meaning given such term in section 791.2 of title 15,
19 Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor regu-
20 lation).”.

21 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

22 (1) SECURE EQUIPMENT ACT OF 2021.—Section
23 2(a)(2) of the Secure Equipment Act of 2021 (47
24 U.S.C. 1601 note) is amended by striking “covered
25 communications equipment or services” and insert-

1 ing “covered information and communications tech-
2 nology or services”.

3 (2) NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT
4 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.—Section 1709 of the Serv-
5 icemember Quality of Life Improvement and Na-
6 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
7 2025 (Public Law 118–159) is amended—

8 (A) by striking “communications equip-
9 ment or services” each place it appears and in-
10 sserting “information and communications tech-
11 nology or services”;

12 (B) in subsection (a)—

13 (i) in the subsection heading, by strik-
14 ing “COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AND
15 EQUIPMENT TO” and inserting “CERTAIN
16 INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS
17 TECHNOLOGY OR SERVICES FOR INCLU-
18 SION ON”; and

19 (ii) in paragraph (2), by striking
20 “communications equipment and services”
21 and inserting “information and commu-
22 nications technology or services”;

23 (C) in the heading of subsection (b), by
24 striking “COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AND
25 EQUIPMENT TO” and inserting “INFORMATION

1 AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY OR SERV-
2 ICES ON”; and

3 (D) in subsection (c)(3), by inserting “of
4 2019 (47 U.S.C. 1601(a))” before the period at
5 the end.

6 **SEC. 3. RELIANCE ON CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2(c) of the Secure and
8 Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019 (47
9 U.S.C. 1601(c)) is amended—

10 (1) by striking paragraphs (1) and (4);

11 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as
12 paragraphs (1) and (2), respectively;

13 (3) by amending paragraph (1) (as so redesign-
14 nated) to read as follows:

15 “(1) A determination by the Secretary of Com-
16 merce under part 791 of title 15, Code of Federal
17 Regulations (or any successor regulation) to prohibit
18 a transaction with respect to the information and
19 communications technology or service, if the Assist-
20 ant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and
21 Information has filed with the Commission a written
22 notification of such determination.”; and

23 (4) by adding at the end the following:

24 “(3) The information and communications tech-
25 nology or service being required to be added to the

1 list by section 1709 of the Servicemember Quality of
2 Life Improvement and National Defense Authoriza-
3 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–
4 159).”.

5 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—The Secure and
6 Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019 (47
7 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.), as amended by the preceding provi-
8 sions of this Act, is further amended—

9 (1) in section 2, by striking “paragraphs (1)
10 through (4)” each place it appears and inserting
11 “paragraphs (1) through (3)”; and

12 (2) in section 9—

13 (A) by striking paragraph (6) (as redesign-
14 nated by section 2);

15 (B) by redesignating paragraph (7) (as
16 added by section 2) as paragraph (6); and

17 (C) by redesignating paragraphs (8), (9),
18 (10), (11), and (12) as paragraphs (7), (8), (9),
19 (10), and (11), respectively.

20 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by
22 this section may not be construed to affect the inclu-
23 sion, on the covered list, of any information and
24 communications technology or service included on

1 the covered list before the date of the enactment of
2 this Act.

3 (2) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

4 (A) COVERED LIST.—The term “covered
5 list” means the list published under section 2(a)
6 of the Secure and Trusted Communications
7 Networks Act of 2019 (47 U.S.C. 1601(a)).

8 (B) INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS
9 TECHNOLOGY OR SERVICES.—The term “infor-
10 mation and communications technology or serv-
11 ices” has the meaning given such term in sec-
12 tion 9 of the Secure and Trusted Communica-
13 tions Networks Act of 2019 (47 U.S.C. 1608),
14 as amended by this Act.

15 **SEC. 4. UPDATING OF LIST.**

16 Section 2(d) of the Secure and Trusted Communica-
17 tions Networks Act of 2019 (47 U.S.C. 1601(d)) is
18 amended—

19 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “periodically
20 update” and inserting “update, not less frequently
21 than once every 6 months,”;

22 (2) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the
23 following:

24 “(2) MONITORING OF DETERMINATIONS.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall
2 monitor the making or reversing of the deter-
3 minations described in paragraphs (1) through
4 (3) of subsection (c) in order to place additional
5 information and communications technology or
6 services on the list published under subsection
7 (a) or to remove information and communica-
8 tions technology or services from such list in ac-
9 cordance with subparagraph (B).

10 “(B) REMOVAL.—In the case of the rever-
11 sal by an agency that made a determination
12 that provided a basis for the Commission to
13 make a determination under subsection (b)(1)
14 with respect to any information and commu-
15 nications technology or service, the Commission
16 shall, after providing notice and opportunity for
17 comment, adopt an order removing such tech-
18 nology or service from the list published under
19 subsection (a) not later than 180 days after re-
20 ceiving notice of such reversed determination
21 from the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for
22 Communications and Information, if—

23 “(i) the head of such agency provides
24 notice to the Assistant Secretary of Com-
25 merce for Communications and Informa-

1 tion of such reversed determination and
2 the related reasoning;

3 “(ii) the Assistant Secretary of Com-
4 merce for Communications and Informa-
5 tion provides notice of such reversed deter-
6 mination, and the related reasoning, to the
7 Commission;

8 “(iii) no other determination described
9 in paragraphs (1) through (3) of sub-
10 section (c) (other than such reversed deter-
11 mination) continues to provide a basis for
12 inclusion on such list; and

13 “(iv) the Commission determines,
14 after considering any comments provided
15 during the opportunity for comment, and
16 irrespective of such reversed determination,
17 that such technology or service does not
18 pose an unacceptable risk to the national
19 security of the United States or the secu-
20 rity and safety of United States persons.”;

21 (3) in paragraph (3)—

22 (A) by striking “not updated” and insert-
23 ing “unchanged”; and

24 (B) by striking “updates” and inserting
25 “changes”.

1 **SEC. 5. MATTERS RELATED TO ADDITIONS TO AND RE-**
2 **MOVAL FROM LIST.**

3 Section 2 of the Secure and Trusted Communications
4 Networks Act of 2019 (47 U.S.C. 1601) is amended, as
5 amended by the preceding provisions of this Act, by add-
6 ing at the end the following:

7 “(e) MATTERS RELATED TO ADDITIONS TO LIST.—

8 “(1) LIMITATION.—On and after the date of
9 the enactment of this subsection, the Commission
10 may not place any information and communications
11 technology or service on the list published under
12 subsection (a) unless such information and commu-
13 nications technology or service is produced or pro-
14 vided by an entity controlled by a foreign adversary.

15 “(2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

16 “(A) SUBMISSION.—Not later than 7 days
17 before the Commission places information and
18 communications technology or service on the
19 list, the Commission and, if applicable, the head
20 of any agency that made the determination that
21 served as the basis for the placement of the
22 technology or service on the list, shall submit a
23 report to Congress that includes—

24 “(i) an identification of the technology
25 or service being placed on the list; and

1 “(ii) an explanation of the specific na-
2 tional security concern that served as the
3 basis for the determination.

4 “(B) FORM.—The report required by sub-
5 paragraph (A) shall be submitted in unclassi-
6 fied form, but may include a classified annex.

7 “(3) FOREIGN ADVERSARY DEFINED.—In this
8 subsection, the term ‘foreign adversary’ has the
9 meaning given the term ‘covered nation’ in section
10 4872(f)(2) of title 10, United States Code).

11 “(f) APPLICABILITY OF CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW
12 ACT.—The placement on or removal from the list pub-
13 lished under subsection (a) of a class or category of infor-
14 mation and communications technology or service without
15 reference to an entity that produced or provided that tech-
16 nology shall be deemed a major rule, as defined in section
17 804 of title 5, United States Code, for the purposes of
18 chapter 8 of that title.”.

19 **SEC. 6. TRANSMISSION OF NOTICES OF RISK.**

20 Section 2 of the Secure and Trusted Communications
21 Networks Act of 2019 (47 U.S.C. 1601), as amended by
22 the preceding provisions of this Act, is further amended
23 by adding at the end the following:

24 “(f) TRANSMISSION OF NOTICES OF RISK.—If the
25 Commission receives written notification of an information

1 and communications technology or service that poses an
2 unacceptable risk to the national security of the United
3 States or the security and safety of United States persons,
4 the Commission shall, not later than 60 days after the
5 date on which the Commission receives such notification,
6 transmit such notification to the Secretary of Commerce
7 for review with respect to part 791 of title 15, Code of
8 Federal Regulations (or any successor regulation).”.

9 **SEC. 7. CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION.**

10 Section 2 of the Secure and Trusted Communications
11 Networks Act of 2019 (47 U.S.C. 1601), as amended by
12 the preceding provisions of this Act, is further amended
13 by adding at the end the following:

14 “(g) CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION.—

15 “(1) MEETING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than
16 90 days after the date of the enactment of this sub-
17 section, and every 90 days thereafter, the Commis-
18 sion and the Secretary of Commerce shall meet for
19 purposes of consultation with respect to the list pub-
20 lished under subsection (a).

21 “(2) COORDINATION WITH NATIONAL SECURITY
22 AGENCIES.—The Commission and the Secretary of
23 Commerce shall provide the head of each appro-
24 priate national security agency the opportunity to
25 attend each meeting described under paragraph (1)

1 for the purposes of coordination with respect to the
2 list published under subsection (a).

3 “(3) REPORT REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 1
4 year after the date on which the initial meeting re-
5 quired under paragraph (1) occurs, and annually
6 thereafter, the Commission shall submit to Congress
7 a report, in unclassified form, on the results of the
8 meetings under such paragraph during the preceding
9 year.”.

10 **SEC. 8. CERTAIN AUTHORIZATIONS, LICENSES, AND OTHER**
11 **GRANTS OF AUTHORITY PROHIBITED.**

12 The Secure and Trusted Communications Networks
13 Act of 2019 (47 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.), as amended by the
14 preceding provisions of this Act, is further amended—

15 (1) by redesignating sections 10 and 11 as sec-
16 tions 11 and 12, respectively; and

17 (2) by inserting after section 9 the following:

18 **“SEC. 10. CERTAIN AUTHORIZATIONS, LICENSES, AND**
19 **OTHER GRANTS OF AUTHORITY PROHIBITED.**

20 “(a) IN GENERAL.—No authorization, license, or
21 other grant of authority issued by the Commission may
22 be obtained, held, or controlled by a covered entity.

23 “(b) LIMITATION.—Subsection (a) does not apply to
24 an equipment authorization issued by the Commission

1 under subpart J of part 2 of title 47, Code of Federal
2 Regulations (or any successor regulation).

3 “(c) COVERED ENTITY DEFINED.—In this section,
4 the term ‘covered entity’ means the following:

5 “(1) An entity that produces or provides any
6 covered information and communications technology
7 or service.

8 “(2) An affiliate (as defined in section 3 of the
9 Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 153)) of an
10 entity described in paragraph (1).”.

11 **SEC. 9. EQUIPMENT AUTHORIZATIONS.**

12 Section 2(a)(3) of the Secure Equipment Act of 2021
13 (47 U.S.C. 1601 note) is amended—

14 (1) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as sub-
15 paragraph (C); and

16 (2) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the fol-
17 lowing:

18 “(B) NEW PLACEMENTS ON LIST.—The
19 Commission is not required to review or revoke
20 any equipment authorization on the basis that
21 relevant equipment is on the list described in
22 paragraph (2) if such equipment authorization
23 was granted before the date on which such
24 equipment was placed on such list.”.