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S. 3692

To direct the Federal Communications Commission to evaluate and consider the impact of the telecommunications network equipment supply chain on the deployment of universal service, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 17, 2022

Mr. HICKENLOOPER (for himself, Mr. MORAN, Mr. TESTER, and Mrs. CAPITO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 “Network Equipment
5 Transparency Act” or the “NET Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUPPLY CHAIN CONSIDER-**
2 **ATION.**

3 Section 706 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996
4 (47 U.S.C. 1302) is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
6 section (e); and

7 (2) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(d) STATUS OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUPPLY
10 CHAIN.—As part of the inquiry required by subsection (b),
11 the Commission shall, to the extent that data is available,
12 determine whether a lack of network equipment signifi-
13 cantly impacted the deployment of advanced telecommuni-
14 cations capability during the applicable year.”.

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