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119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To require service affordability to be considered in awarding grants under rural broadband programs administered by the Department of Agriculture.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. McCLAIN DELANEY 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 “Prioritizing Rural
5 Broadband Affordability Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. AFFORDABILITY.**

7 Section 601 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936
8 (7 U.S.C. 950bb) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (c)(2), by adding at the end
2 the following:

3 “(C) AFFORDABILITY.—In determining
4 whether a household is unserved for purposes of
5 this section, the Secretary shall consider the af-
6 fordability of broadband service.”; and

7 (2) in subsection (d)(2), by striking subpara-
8 graph (C) and inserting the following:

9 “(C) AFFORDABILITY.—In determining
10 whether a proposed service territory is unserved
11 for purposes of subparagraph (A), the Secretary
12 shall consider the affordability of broadband
13 service in the service territory.”.

14 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

15 The amendments made by this Act shall take effect
16 on the date that is 1 year after the date of the enactment
17 of this Act.