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# H. R. 5069

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. TENNEY (for herself, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. MAST, Mr. GIMENEZ, and Ms. MALLIOTAKIS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## A BILL

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internet access for the people of Cuba, and for other  
purposes.

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 “Championing Uncen-  
5 sored Bandwidth Access Act of 2021” or the “CUBA Act  
6 of 2021”.

7 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

8 It is the sense of Congress that the United States  
9 should—

1           (1) support the ability of the people of Cuba to  
2       maintain their freedom to access information online;  
3       and

4           (2) focus on investments in technologies that  
5       facilitate the unrestricted exchange of information in  
6       Cuba in anticipation of any future efforts by the  
7       Communist Party of Cuba to—

8                       (A) suppress internet access;

9                       (B) increase online censorship; or

10                      (C) inhibit online communication and con-  
11       tent-sharing by the people of Cuba.

12 **SEC. 3. ACCESS TO INTERNET SERVICE FOR CUBAN PEO-**  
13 **PLE.**

14       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State, in con-  
15 sultation with the Secretary of Defense, the Director of  
16 National Intelligence, and the Commissioner of the Fed-  
17 eral Communications Commission, shall develop and im-  
18 plement a strategy to establish internet resiliency and de-  
19 liver internet access in Cuba, which shall include the fol-  
20 lowing:

21           (1) Expanding telecommunications technologies  
22       for accessing internet, television, live streams, and  
23       network broadcasting and communications in Cuba.

1           (2) Assisting efforts to overcome attempts by  
2           the Communist Party of Cuba to disrupt internet  
3           access and block online content in Cuba.

4           (b) REPORT.—

5           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after  
6           the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
7           of State shall submit to the Speaker of the House  
8           of Representatives, the majority leader of the Sen-  
9           ate, the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House  
10          of Representatives, and the Committee on Foreign  
11          Relations of the Senate a report that includes the  
12          following:

13                (A) A description of actions taken to de-  
14                ploy telecommunications, internet, and other  
15                communications services to Cuba.

16                (B) Whether there are gaps in the capabili-  
17                ties of the Secretary to provide such services to  
18                Cuba.

19                (C) Whether additional resources are need-  
20                ed to increase access to such services in Cuba.

21           (2) FORM.—The report required under para-  
22           graph (1) shall be submitted in an unclassified form  
23           but may contain a classified annex.

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