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# H. R. 1714

To require the Comptroller General of the United States to submit a report evaluating the process used by the Federal Communications Commission for establishing, reviewing, and updating upload and download broadband internet access speed thresholds, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 9, 2021

Ms. SPANBERGER (for herself and Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## 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 “Speedy Updates Act  
5       of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. GAO REPORT.**

2 Not later than one year after the date of the enact-  
3 ment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United  
4 States shall submit to the Committee on Energy and Com-  
5 merce of the House of Representatives, the Committee on  
6 Agriculture of the House of Representatives, the Com-  
7 mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House  
8 of the Representatives, the Committee on Commerce,  
9 Science, and Transportation of the Senate, the Committee  
10 on Environment and Public Works of the Senate, and the  
11 Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the  
12 Senate, a report that evaluates the process used by the  
13 Commission for establishing, reviewing, and updating the  
14 upload and download broadband internet access speed  
15 thresholds, including—

16 (1) how the Commission reviews and updates  
17 broadband internet access speed thresholds;

18 (2) whether the Commission considers future  
19 broadband internet access speed needs when estab-  
20 lishing broadband internet access speed thresholds,  
21 including whether the Commission considers the  
22 need, or the anticipated need, for higher upload or  
23 download broadband internet access speeds in the  
24 five-year period and the ten-year period after the  
25 date on which a broadband speed threshold is to be  
26 established; and

1           (3) how the Commission considers the impacts  
2           of changing uses of the internet in establishing, re-  
3           viewing, or updating broadband internet access  
4           speed thresholds, including—

5                   (A) the proliferation of internet-based busi-  
6           ness;

7                   (B) working remotely and running a busi-  
8           ness from home;

9                   (C) video conferencing;

10                  (D) distance learning;

11                  (E) in-house web hosting; and

12                  (F) cloud data storage.

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