

117TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 8573

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to classify broadband as telecommunications service.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 28, 2022

Ms. MATSUI (for herself, Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. PAL-  
LONE, Ms. NORTON, Mr. TONKO, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. CARSON, Ms.  
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Florida, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mrs. CARO-  
LYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. LAMB, Mr. LAR-  
SON of Connecticut, Mr. KEATING, Mr. VEASEY, and Mr. LEVIN of Cali-  
fornia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee  
on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

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broadband as telecommunications service.

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 “Net Neutrality and  
5 Broadband Justice Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. CLASSIFICATION OF BROADBAND AS TELE-**  
2 **COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE.**

3 Section 3(53) of the Communications Act of 1934  
4 (47 U.S.C. 153(53)) is amended—

5 (1) by striking “means the offering” and insert-  
6 ing the following: “—

7 “(A) means the offering”; and

8 (2) by striking the period at the end and insert-  
9 ing the following: “; and

10 “(B) includes the offering of broadband  
11 internet access service, as defined in section  
12 801, for a fee directly to the public, or to such  
13 classes of users as to be effectively available di-  
14 rectly to the public, regardless of the facilities  
15 used.”.

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