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# H. R. 1525

To require the Department of Interior and the Department of Agriculture to establish an online portal to accept, process, and dispose of an application for the placement of communications facilities on certain Federal lands.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 2, 2021

Mr. UPTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To require the Department of Interior and the Department of Agriculture to establish an online portal to accept, process, and dispose of an application for the placement of communications facilities on certain Federal lands.

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 “Deploying Infrastruc-  
5 ture with Greater Internet Transactions And Legacy Ap-  
6 plications Act” or the “DIGITAL Applications Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ONLINE PORTAL FOR FORM**

2 **299.**

3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-  
5 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-  
6 gress” means—

7 (A) the Committee on Energy and Com-  
8 merce of the House of Representatives;

9 (B) the Committee on Natural Resources  
10 of the House of Representatives;

11 (C) the Committee on Commerce, Science,  
12 and Transportation of the Senate; and

13 (D) the Committee on Environment and  
14 Public Works of the Senate.

15 (2) ASSISTANT SECRETARY.—The term “Assist-  
16 ant Secretary” means the Assistant Secretary of  
17 Commerce for Communications and Information.

18 (3) DEPARTMENT CONCERNED.—The term  
19 “Department concerned” means the Department of  
20 the Interior or the Department of Agriculture.

21 (4) FORM 299.—The term “Form 299” means  
22 the form established under section 6409(b)(2)(A) of  
23 the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act  
24 of 2012 (47 U.S.C. 1455(b)(2)(A)) or any successor  
25 form.

1           (5) SECRETARY CONCERNED.—The term “Sec-  
2       retary concerned” means—

3                   (A) the Secretary of the Interior, with re-  
4               spect to land administered by such Secretary;  
5               and

6                   (B) the Secretary of Agriculture, with re-  
7               spect to National Forest System land.

8       (b) ESTABLISHMENT OF ONLINE PORTAL.—

9           (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 1 year  
10       after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
11       retary concerned shall establish an online portal for  
12       the acceptance, processing, and disposal of a Form  
13       299.

14          (2) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 3 business  
15       days after the date on which the online portal has  
16       been established pursuant to paragraph (1), the Sec-  
17       retary concerned shall notify the Assistant Secretary  
18       of such establishment.

19       (c) AVAILABILITY OF ONLINE PORTAL.—The Assist-  
20       ant Secretary shall publish on the website of the National  
21       Telecommunications and Information Administration a  
22       link to each online portal established pursuant to sub-  
23       section (b)(1).

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