

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5871

To prohibit the use of funds made available under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to purchase, rent, lease, or otherwise obtain communications equipment or services that pose a national security risk.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 4, 2021

Mrs. LURIA (for herself and Mr. WOMACK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “American Tele-
5 communications Security Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS TO OBTAIN COM-**
 2 **MUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES**
 3 **POSING NATIONAL SECURITY RISK.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The American Rescue Plan Act
 5 of 2021 (Public Law 117–2; 135 Stat. 4) is amended by
 6 adding at the end the following:

7 **“TITLE XII—NATIONAL SECU-**
 8 **RITY RESTRICTIONS ON USE**
 9 **OF FUNDS**

10 **“SEC. 12001. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS TO OBTAIN**
 11 **COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES**
 12 **POSING NATIONAL SECURITY RISK.**

13 “None of the funds made available under this Act or
 14 an amendment made by this Act may be used to purchase,
 15 rent, lease, or otherwise obtain any covered communica-
 16 tions equipment or service, as defined in section 9 of the
 17 Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of
 18 2019 (47 U.S.C. 1608).”.

19 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—
 20 The table of contents in section 2 of the American Rescue
 21 Plan Act of 2021 is amended by adding at the end the
 22 following:

“TITLE XII—NATIONAL SECURITY RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF
 FUNDS

“Sec. 12001. Prohibition on use of funds to obtain communications equipment
 or services posing national security risk.”.

