



MEMORANDUM

November 1, 2021

To: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology Members and Staff

Fr: Committee on Energy and Commerce Staff

Re: Subcommittee Markup of Communications and Technology Bills

On Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. (EDT) in the John D. Dingell Room, 2123 of the Rayburn House Office Building, and via Cisco Webex online video Conferencing, the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology will hold a markup of the following two bills:

H.R. 1218, the “Data Mapping to Save Moms’ Lives Act”; and **H.R. 2501**, the “Spectrum Coordination Act”.

I. H.R. 1218, THE “DATA MAPPING TO SAVE MOMS’ LIVES ACT”

H.R. 1218, the “Data Mapping to Save Moms’ Lives Act”, introduced by Reps. Butterfield (D-NC), Bilirakis (R-FL), and Blunt Rochester (D-DE), requires the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to integrate data related to maternal health outcomes into the agency’s broadband data maps, with consultation from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It also requires the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to study and submit to Congress a report regarding the effectiveness of internet connectivity in reducing maternal morbidity rates.

An amendment in the nature of a substitute (AINS) is expected to be offered that requires the FCC to incorporate the data within 180 days of enactment, and specifies that the data should be incorporated into the agency’s Mapping Broadband Health in America platform. It also removes a GAO report requirement.

II. H.R. 2501, THE “SPECTRUM COORDINATION ACT”

H.R. 2501, the “Spectrum Coordination Act”, introduced by Rep. Bilirakis, requires the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and the FCC to update the memorandum of understanding on spectrum coordination entered into in January 2003.

An AINS is expected to be offered that specifies that the memorandum of understanding should be updated to: (1) improve the process for resolving Frequency allocation disputes between the two agencies; (2) ensure that spectrum is used efficiently; and (3) establish reasonable timelines in the exchange of information between the two agencies.