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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Connect Unserved Americans Act of 2022”.

SEC. 2. DISTANCE LEARNING, TELEMEDICINE, AND BROADBAND PROGRAM.

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117–58) is amended in the third proviso under the
heading “DISTANCE LEARNING, TELEMEDICINE, AND
BROADBAND PROGRAM” under the heading “RURAL UTIL-
ITIES SERVICE” under the heading “RURAL DEVELOP-
MENT PROGRAMS” under the heading “DEPART-
MENT OF AGRICULTURE” in title I of division J by
striking “50 percent” and inserting “80 percent”.

SEC. 3. COORDINATION WITH TREASURY DEPARTMENT ON

DISTRIBUTION OF BROADBAND DEPLOY-

MENT FUNDS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 904(b) of division FF of
the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (47 U.S.C.
1308(b)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)(A)—

(A) in clause (ii), by striking “and” at the
end; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(iv) the Department of the Treasury;
and”; and

(2) in paragraph (2)—

(A) in subparagraph (B), by striking
“and” at the end;

(B) in subparagraph (C), by striking the
period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:
“(D) the programs administered by the Department of the Treasury.”.

(b) DEADLINE.—Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the covered agencies (as defined in section 904(b) of division FF of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (47 U.S.C. 1308(b)), as amended by subsection (a) of this section) shall implement the amendments made by subsection (a) of this section.