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S. 696

To amend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 to allow counties to use certain funds to provide or expand access to broadband telecommunications services and other technologies.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 10, 2021

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself, Mr. ROMNEY, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mr. BOOZMAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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 “Connected Rural
5 Schools Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ACCESS TO BROADBAND AND OTHER TECHNOLOGY.**

2 Section 302(a) of the Secure Rural Schools and Com-
3 munity Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C.
4 7142(a)) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (3), by striking “and” at the
6 end;

7 (2) in paragraph (4), by striking the period at
8 the end and inserting “; and”; and

9 (3) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(5) to provide or expand access to—

11 “(A) broadband telecommunications serv-
12 ices at local schools; or

13 “(B) the technology and connectivity nec-
14 essary for students to use a digital learning tool
15 at or outside of a local school campus.”.

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