

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1611

To amend the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 to reauthorize the Community Connect Grant Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 16, 2023

Ms. SMITH introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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 “Community Connect
5 Grant Program Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. COMMUNITY CONNECT GRANT PROGRAM.**

7 Section 604 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936
8 (7 U.S.C. 950bb–3) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a)—

1 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “less
 2 than the” and all that follows through the pe-
 3 riod at the end and inserting the following:
 4 “less than—

5 “(A) a 100-Mbps downstream transmission
 6 capacity; and

7 “(B) a 20-Mbps upstream transmission ca-
 8 pacity.”; and

9 (B) in paragraph (2)—

10 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
 11 graph (A), by striking “an area” and in-
 12 serting “a rural area”;

13 (ii) in subparagraph (A), by striking
 14 “10-Mbps” and inserting “25-Mbps”; and

15 (iii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
 16 “1-Mbps” and inserting “3-Mbps”;

17 (2) in subsection (d)(2)(A), by striking “area;
 18 or” and inserting “area (including any eligible
 19 broadband service that will be provided in the future
 20 in the eligible service area pursuant to enforceable
 21 commitments for network deployment applicable
 22 under another broadband funding program); or”;
 23 and

- 1 (3) in subsection (g), by striking “2023” and
- 2 inserting “2028”.

