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S. 5500

To amend title 5, United States Code, to instruct Inspectors General to report to Congress on social media communications.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 12, 2024

Mr. SCHMITT introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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 “Transparency in Bu-
5 reaucratic Communications Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. INSPECTOR GENERAL ACT OF 1978.**

7 Section 405(b) of title 5, United States Code, is
8 amended by adding at the end the following:

9 “(23) a detailed description of the contents and
10 particular circumstances of any communication, or

1 attempted communication, between the establish-
2 ment and any internet computer service, information
3 content provider, or access software provider (as de-
4 fined under section 230(f) of the Communications
5 Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 230(f)), including—

6 “(A) communications regarding content
7 moderation (as described under section
8 230(c)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934
9 (47 U.S.C. 230(c)(2));

10 “(B) user content, including posts, photos,
11 and videos; and

12 “(C) any other communications relating to
13 the internet computer service, information con-
14 tent provider, or access software provider’s data
15 inputs, algorithms, modeling and simulation
16 processes, analysis tools, or any related tool.”.

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