

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. SCHIFF introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Tribal Internet Expan-
5 sion Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. UNIVERSAL SERVICE IN INDIAN COUNTRY AND**
2 **AREAS WITH HIGH POPULATIONS OF INDIAN**
3 **PEOPLE.**

4 Section 254(b)(3) of the Communications Act of
5 1934 (47 U.S.C. 254(b)(3)) is amended—

6 (1) by striking “and those in” and inserting “,
7 consumers in”; and

8 (2) by inserting “, and consumers in Indian
9 country (as defined in section 1151 of title 18,
10 United States Code) and in areas with high popu-
11 lations of Indian (as defined in section 19 of the Act
12 of June 18, 1934 (commonly known as the ‘Indian
13 Reorganization Act’) (48 Stat. 988, chapter 576; 25
14 U.S.C. 5129)) persons” after “high cost areas”.