

Voting guide to pending federal bills										
As of 3/31/24										
Row #	Chamber	Bill #	Topic	Title	Brief description	Position	Amendment(s) to request	Priority	Passed committee in chamber of origin?	Passed at least one chamber?
1	HR	3557	Permitting	American Broadband Deployment Act of 2023	Eliminate local zoning authority for wireless and cable networks; eliminate NEPA/NHPA in most cases	Oppose		Tier 1	Y	
2	HR	4141	Permitting	Broadband for Americans through Responsible Streamlining (BARS) Act	Eliminate NEPA/NHPA for most antennas (identical provisions from 3557 Title III)	Oppose		Tier 1	Y	
3	HR	7376	Permitting	Wireless Broadband Competition and Efficient Deployment Act	Exempts from NEPA and NHPA any expansion or modification of an existing cell site (same language as HR 3557 Sec 304(5)(A)).	Oppose		Tier 1	*	
4	HR	1338	Satellites	Satellite and Telecommunications Streamlining Act	Requires FCC to process satellite applications, with similar approach as 3557	Oppose		Tier 1	Y	
5	S	4010	Satellites	Satellite and Telecommunications Streamlining Act	Requires FCC to process satellite applications, with similar approach as 3557	Oppose		Tier 1		
6	HR	3565	Spectrum	Spectrum Auction Reauthorization Act of 2023	Renews FCC spectrum auction authority; filters federal users' input to FCC on spectrum actions via NTIA; allocates \$12 bn of auction funds; prepares for additional C-band spectrum auctions; incorporates HR 1341	Oppose	Strike Titles IV, V, VI, VII, VIII; Keep Title II fund Rip and Replace) and III (Next Gen 9-1-1; Amend Title IX by defining broadband as wired only	Tier 1	Y	
7	HR	1123	Other	Understanding Cybersecurity of Mobile Networks Act	Requires DOC to report within 1 year on vulnerabilities	Amendment	Replace the exclusion of 5G (pg 6, line 16) with an express inclusion of 5G and direct DHS/CISA to conduct this study	Tier 1	Y	Y
8	HR	4510	Spectrum	NTIA Reauthorization Act of 2023	Expand activities and authority of NTIA; federal users' input to FCC on spectrum actions filtered via NTIA; incorporates HR 1123, 1340, 1341, 1343, 1345, 1360 and enables dynamic spectrum management	Amendment	Strike Title II in its entirety, and section 406. Amend section 405 to include 5G and direct DHS/CISA to conduct this study. If it is not practical for DHS to conduct this, at a minimum require Department of Commerce to obtain and incorporate input from DHS.	Tier 1	Y	
9	S	2855	Federal	CLOSE THE GAP Act	Promotes deployments of communications facilities on 95% of federal lands; eliminates NEPA+NHPA for expansions of an existing wireless facility (6409a), similar to provisions of HR 3557 Sec 301c	Oppose	See analysis of provisions for potential amendment	Tier 1		
10	S	3909	Spectrum	Spectrum Pipeline Act of 2024	Requires FCC to make available 2500 mhz of federal spectrum for commercial use, at least 1250 mhz of which is licensed for "high-power, high-density" and at least 125mhz of which is unlicensed, between 1.3-13.2 ghz, in stages over the next 2-8 years.	Oppose		Tier 1		
11	HR	6492	Federal	Expanding Public Lands Outdoor Recreation Experiences Act (EXPLORE Act)	Omnibus federal lands bill that incorporates Connect Our Parks Act (HR 5919) and authorizes the installation of broadband internet on any federal recreational land	Amendment	Expressly exclude wireless facilities from the scope of this bill (sec 141 and 142)	Tier 1		
12	HR	5919	Federal	Connect Our Parks Act	Requires the National Park Service to plan within 3 yrs to deploy cellular and broadband (100/20 Mb) in national parks	Amendment	Expressly exclude wireless facilities	Tier 1		
13	S	2018	Federal	Connect Our Parks Act	Requires the National Park Service to plan within 2 yrs to deploy cellular and broadband (100/20 Mb) in national parks	Amendment	Expressly exclude wireless facilities	Tier 1	Y	
14	HR	682	Satellites	Launch Communications Act	Make spectrum available for commercial satellite launches	Oppose		Tier 2	Y	Y
15	HR	904	Spectrum	IoT Readiness Act of 2023	Directs FCC to estimate amount of spectrum needed for IoT	Oppose		Tier 2		
16	HR	1339	Satellites	Precision Agriculture Satellite Connectivity Act	Requires FCC to determine how it can use rulemaking to promote satellite use for precision agriculture	Oppose		Tier 2	Y	Y
17	HR	3306	Federal	Federal Broadband Permit Coordination Act of 2023	Requires Secretaries of Ag and Interior to sign MOUs among Ag, Fish & Wildlife, and Indian Affairs and create workgroups to streamline permitting of wireline and wireless projects on federal land	Oppose	At minimum, exclude wireless from the definition of broadband	Tier 2		
18	HR	3307	Federal	Rural Broadband Permitting Efficiency Act of 2023	Allows secretaries of Ag and Interior to delegate NEPA reviews to Indian tribes, for National Forests and land managed by Interior	Oppose		Tier 2		
19	HR	4006	Permitting	Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act	Pre-empts local zoning authority for amateur radio towers (similar to 3557)	Oppose		Tier 2		
20	HR	4351	Rural	Broadband Internet for Small Ports Act	Amend 7 USC 950bb to promote precision agriculture and allow grants to be made prior to environmental and historic reviews	Oppose	Could remove other provisions and retain only port eligibility	Tier 2		
21	S	1648	Satellites	Launch Communications Act	Make spectrum available for commercial satellite launches	Oppose		Tier 2	Y	Y

22	S	3690	Permitting	Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act	Pre-empts local zoning authority for amateur radio towers (similar to 3557)	Oppose		Tier 2		
23	HR	922	Rural	RURAL Broadband Act of 2023	Amends Rural Electrification 7 USC 950bb; prohibits certain broadband grants from being used where another project is already underway or a speed of 25/3 or greater is available	Amendment	Exclude wireless from broadband grant eligibility	Tier 2		
24	HR	1353	Spectrum	Advanced, Local Emergency Response Telecommunications Parity Act	Requires FCC to make spectrum available on emergency basis to any "underserved area"	Amendment	Authority must be a) limited to spectrum that is already approved for commercial purposes, b) only for bona fide emergencies and c) time-limited.	Tier 2	Y	
25	HR	1752	Rural	E-BRIDGE Act	Amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to allow Secretary of Commerce to make grants for broadband projects; definition of broadband determined by Secretary of Commerce	Amendment	Specify that only wired is eligible for grants	Tier 2	Y	Y
26	HR	3216	Rural	Rural Internet Improvement Act of 2023	Amend ReConnect program to define broadband as 100/20 and underserved as < 25/3 (Rural Electrification Act of 1936)	Amendment	Define broadband as a wired connection, in addition to speed minimum	Tier 2		
27	HR	3280	Permitting	TRUSTED Broadband Networks Act	Exempts Rip and Replace from NEPA and NHPA	Amendment	Exemption applied to removal, and only to replacement if the technical specs are substantially identical to the previous equipment, including power output, gain, power consumption, and physical dimensions.	Tier 2		
28	HR	3964	Rural	Rural Broadband Modernization Act	Amends Rural Electrification 7 USC 950bb; defines broadband as 100/20 Mb. Prioritizes grants for rural areas < 25/3.	Amendment	Define broadband as a wired connection, in addition to speed minimum	Tier 2		
29	HR	4235	Federal	Wildfire Technology Demonstration, Evaluation, Modernization, and Optimization Act	Requires Agriculture and Interior to invite companies and NGOs to test wildfire prevention and mitigation programs, including with 5G	Amendment	Section (c) to exclude wireless and technologies dependent on wireless facilities from the technologies eligible. Section (e) to exclude the wireless technologies listed in (c) and remove 5G and nomadic mesh networks	Tier 2		
30	HR	5242	Federal	Connecting Our Neighbors to Networks and Ensuring Competitive Telecommunications (CONNECT) Act of 2023	Amend Rural Electrification Act by providing grants to cover application costs for federal broadband grants; shorten shot clock for communications facilities applications to USDA from 270 to 180 days; blanket approvals for installing fiber on federal land in existing easements and using this fiber to attach wireless facilities	Amendment	Define broadband as wired connection (sec 2. 4); strike shot clocks (sec 3); exclude wireless from blanket approvals (sec 5)	Tier 2		
31	HR	6142	Rural	LAST ACRE Act	Establishes a USDA grant/loan program to provide broadband to farms for the purpose of precision agriculture, including wireless infrastructure and networks for IoT on farms	Amendment	Restrict the use of funds to wired only; expressly exclude wireless from the definition of activities covered by this program	Tier 2		
32	HR	6473	Rural	Community Connect Grant Program Act of 2023	Amend the Rural Electrification Act Sec 604 speed to 100/20; extend sunset from 2023 to 2028	Amendment	Define broadband as a wired connection, in addition to speed minimum. Exclude wireless from grants	Tier 2		
33	HR	6915	Federal	Public Lands Telecommunications Act	Prohibits federal land managers from recovering all costs associated with communications facilities on federal land, and restricts discretion on how fees are used	Amendment	Amend the definition of "communications use" to expressly exclude wireless.	Tier 2		
34	S	130	Rural	Rural Internet Improvement Act of 2023	Amend ReConnect program to define broadband as 100/20 and underserved as < 25/3 (Rural Electrification Act of 1936)	Amendment	Define broadband as a wired connection, in addition to speed minimum	Tier 2		
35	S	873	Federal	America's Outdoor Recreation Act of 2023	Requires land managers to "foster the installation" of broadband, which includes wireless, recreational areas of federal lands	Amendment	Expressly exclude wireless facilities from sec 131 of this bill	Tier 2	Y	
36	S	1611	Rural	Community Connect Grant Program Act of 2023	Amend the Rural Electrification Act Sec 604 speed to 100/20; extend sunset from 2023 to 2028	Amendment	Define broadband as a wired connection, in addition to speed minimum. Exclude wireless from grants	Tier 2		
37	S	2542	Rural	LAST ACRE Act	Establishes a USDA grant/loan program to provide broadband to farms for the purpose of precision agriculture, including wireless infrastructure and networks for IoT on farms	Amendment	Restrict the use of funds to wired only; expressly exclude wireless from the definition of activities covered by this program	Tier 2		
38	S	2663	Federal	CONNECT Act of 2023	Amend Rural Electrification Act by providing grants to cover application costs for federal broadband grants; shorten USDA shot clocks for communications facilities; blanket approvals for installing fiber on federal land in existing easements and using this fiber to attach wireless facilities	Amendment	Define broadband as wired connection (sec 2. 4); strike shot clocks (sec 3); exclude wireless from blanket approvals (sec 5)	Tier 2		
39	HR	1241	Other	Broadband Incentives for Communities Act	NTIA grant program for local review of telecom applications	Oppose		Tier 3		
40	HR	1343	Spectrum	Institute for Telecommunication Sciences (ITS) Codification Act	Codifies the NTIA's Institute for Telecommunications Sciences into statute to promote transferring federal spectrum to commercial users; allows industry payments to government staff. Senate version of HR 1343 (HR 4510 Sec 204)	Oppose		Tier 3	Y	
41	HR	1513	Other	FUTURE Networks Act	Establish 6G taskforce at FCC	Oppose		Tier 3		
42	HR	1697	Rural	Promoting Precision Agriculture Act of 2023	Requires USDA, in consultation with NIST+FCC, to create precision ag standards	Oppose		Tier 3	Y	

43	HR	2380	Other	Cellphone Jamming Reform Act of 2023	Allows prisons to jam cell signals	Oppose		Tier 3		
44	HR	3283	Federal	Facilitating DIGITAL Applications Act	Require DoC report on barriers to online forms for deployment on federal property	Oppose		Tier 3	Y	
45	HR	3293	Federal	Expediting Federal Broadband Deployment Reviews Act	Establish strikeforce to expedite communications facilities on federal land and in national forests	Oppose		Tier 3	Y	
46	HR	3294	Federal	Enhancing Administrative Reviews for Broadband Deployment Act	Requires Secretaries of Ag and Interior to report within 1 year on barriers to communications facilities approvals on federal land, along with proposed rulemaking and staffing needs	Oppose		Tier 3		
47	HR	3299	Federal	DIGITAL Applications Act	Establish electronic applications portal for communications facilities on federal lands and in national forests	Oppose		Tier 3	Y	
48	HR	3309	Federal	Standard FEES Act	Standardize fees for wireless applications on government lands and buildings and prohibit federal agencies from recovering all costs of wireless facilities	Oppose		Tier 3	Y	
49	HR	3343	Federal	Federal Broadband Deployment Tracking Act	Requires DoC plan to track processing of 6409b forms to deploy communications facilities on federal land and national forests	Oppose		Tier 3	Y	
50	HR	6554	Broadband	BOOST Act	Provides \$400 tax credit to taxpayers in underserved areas to purchase an OTARD or similar device	Oppose		Tier 3		
51	S	734	Rural	Promoting Precision Agriculture Act of 2023	Requires USDA, in consultation with NIST+FCC, to create precision ag standards	Oppose		Tier 3		
52	S	1047	Other	Cellphone Jamming Reform Act of 2023	Allows prisons to jam cell signals	Oppose		Tier 3		
53	S	3781	Spectrum	ITS Codification Act	Codifies the NTIA's Institute for Telecommunications Sciences into statute to promote transferring federal spectrum to commercial users; allows industry payments to government staff. Senate version of HR 1343 (HR 4510 Sec 204)	Oppose		Tier 3		
54	HR	43	Rural	Rural Broadband Window of Opportunity Act	Directs FCC to prioritize rural digital opportunity funds to applications for locations with short construction season (Eg long winter)	Amendment	Exclude wireless facilities from the scope of this bill	Tier 3		
55	HR	889	Broadband	Broadband Grant Tax Treatment Act	Makes federal broadband grants non-taxable	Amendment	Exclude grants used on wireless deployments	Tier 3		
56	HR	1412	Other	Digital Equity Foundation Act of 2023	Establish Digital Equity foundation to promote digital inclusion, including wireless	Amendment	Exclude wireless	Tier 3		
57	HR	3366	Other	none available	Eliminate 15-yr sunset and make permanent authority for first responder broadband wireless	Amendment	Extend sunset by 5 years	Tier 3		
58	HR	4052	Other	National Infrastructure Bank Act of 2023	Create infrastructure investment bank (ie, a domestic US DFC); can invest in wireless.	Amendment	Expressly exclude wireless from the scope of activity of the bank	Tier 3		
59	HR	5049	Other	Rebuild America's Schools Act of 2023	Provides funds for building and improvements to schools, including wireless deployments in schools	Amendment	Sec 102(a)(2)(G) include RF emissions as one of the exposures that should be reduced in schools; Sec 302a exclude funds from being used on wireless technology	Tier 3		
60	HR	5062	Rural	none available	Creates USDA program under Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) for grants to purchase mechanized and automated farming equipment	Amendment	Modify definition of eligible equipment to expressly exclude (e)(1)(I), wireless and connectivity for IoT	Tier 3		
61	HR	7005	Rural	Rural Broadband Protection Act of 2024	Requires FCC to establish vetting criteria for universal service broadband grant recipients that are technology neutral	Amendment	Remove "technology neutral" from section (m)(3)(A)	Tier 3		
62	HR	7363	Rural	HOUSES Act of 2024	Pushes the Secretary of Interior to approve the sale of federal land for building housing, and mandates wireless infrastructure be built on this land, regardless of prior wireless zoning	Amendment	Expressly exclude wireless from the definition of communications infrastructure. Such land would still be subject to all federal preemption against prohibition of service	Tier 3		
63	HR	7452	Rural	Local Telecom Expansion Act of 2024	Directs FCC to create a grant program for small businesses in underserved areas to receive broadband grants, including wireless	Amendment	Expressly exclude wireless deployments from receiving grant funding	Tier 3		
64	S	599	Other	Digital Equity Foundation Act of 2023	Establish Digital Equity foundation to promote digital inclusion, including wireless	Amendment	Sec (a)(8) remove and expressly exclude wireless from definition of digital inclusion	Tier 3		
65	S	1764	Federal	Western Wildfire Support Act of 2023	Directs federal land management agencies to expedite deployment and permitting of technology for wildfire fire detection.	Amendment	Expressly exclude wireless technologies from Sec 201 and 206	Tier 3		
66	S	2155	Rural	Rebuild Rural America Act of 2023	Establish rural development office in USDA; would assess mobile wireless infrastructure	Amendment	Sec 385E(c)(4)(C): remove and exclude mobile internet from the rural development plan; Sec 385F: remove and exclude mobile internet as a permissible use of funds	Tier 3		
67	S	2238	Broadband	PLAN for Broadband Act	Directs Dept of Commerce to develop and implement a National Strategy to Close the Digital Divide (similar to HR 4510 Title III), including wireless deployment	Amendment	Define broadband as a wired connection; include a purpose statement which says the purpose of this Act is to deploy wired broadband to close the digital divide.	Tier 3		

68	S	2608	Other	Rebuild America's Schools Act of 2023	Provides funds for building and improvements to schools, including wireless deployments in schools	Amendment	Sec 102(a)(2)(G) include RF emissions as one of the exposures that should be reduced in schools; sec 302a exclude grants from being used on wireless technology	Tier 3																							
69	S	2677	Broadband	Small Business Broadband and Emerging Information Technology Enhancement Act of 2023	Creates coordinator at SBA to promote broadband and emerging IT among small businesses (including wireless and IoT)	Amendment	Exclude wireless and IoT from scope	Tier 3																							
70	S	3117	Federal	HOUSES Act of 2023	Pushes the Secretary of Interior to approve the sale of federal land for building housing, and mandates wireless infrastructure be built on this land, regardless of prior wireless zoning	Amendment	Expressly exclude wireless from the definition of communications infrastructure. Such land would still be subject to all federal preemption against prohibition of service	Tier 3																							
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71	S	1234	Broadband	Broadband Buildout Accountability Act	Would make broadband equity grants by DoC subject to FOIA	Support		Tier 2																							
72	HR	5173	Broadband	Broadband Buildout Accountability Act	Would make broadband equity grants by DoC subject to FOIA	Support		Tier 2																							
73	S	1642	Rural	ReConnecting Rural America Act of 2023	Amends ReConnect Act (7 USC 950bb) with a 100/100Mb speed minimum	Amendment	Section (e)(2), strike the word "adjust" and replace with the word "increase"	Tier 2																							
74	HR	4227	Rural	ReConnecting Rural America Act of 2023	Amends ReConnect Act (7 USC 950bb) with a 100/100Mb speed minimum	Amendment	Section (e)(2), strike the word "adjust" and replace with the word "increase"	Tier 2																							
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