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At the end of division J, add the following:

SEC. 60015. COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT ON HIGH-SPEED INTERNET CONNECTIVITY IN FEDERALLY-ASSISTED HOUSING.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to Congress a report on broadband service in Federally-assisted housing.

(b) CONTENTS.—The report required under subsection (a) shall include—

(1) an analysis of Federally-assisted housing units that have access to broadband service and the number of such units that do not have access to broadband service, disaggregated by State, county, and congressional district, that includes geographic information and any Federal agency responsible for such units;

(2) an analysis of which such units are not currently capable of supporting broadband service deployment and would require retrofitting to support
broadband service deployment, disaggregated by State, county, and congressional district, that includes geographic information and any Federal agency responsible for such units;

(3) an analysis of the estimated costs and time-frame necessary for retrofitting buildings to achieve 100 percent access to broadband service;

(4) an analysis of the challenges to more widespread deployment of broadband service, including the comparative markets dynamics to expansion in rural areas and low-income urban areas, and the challenges to pursuing retrofits to achieve 100 percent access to broadband service;

(5) descriptions of lessons learned from previous retrofitting actions;

(6) an evaluation of the ConnectHome pilot program of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; and

(7) recommendations for Congress for achieving 100 percent access to broadband service in Federally-assisted housing.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) BROADBAND SERVICE.—The term “broadband service” has the meaning given the term “broadband internet access service” in section 8.1(b)

(2) Federally-assisted housing.—In this section, the term “Federally-assisted housing” means any single-family or multifamily housing that is assisted under a program administered by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development or the Secretary of Agriculture.

SEC. 60016. MASTER PLAN FOR BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY IN FEDERALLY-ASSISTED HOUSING.

(a) In general.—The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, in consultation with other relevant heads of Federal agencies, shall develop a master plan for achieving retrofitting Federally-assisted housing to support broadband service. The Secretary shall submit such plan to Congress not later than 18 months after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(b) Definitions.—In this section, the terms “broadband service” and “Federally-assisted housing” have the meanings given in section 60015.