

**AMENDMENT TO**  
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At the end of subtitle B of title XVII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 17\_\_ . ENHANCING FIRST RESPONSE.**

2 (a) REPORTS AFTER ACTIVATION OF DISASTER IN-  
3 FORMATION REPORTING SYSTEM; IMPROVEMENTS TO  
4 NETWORK OUTAGE REPORTING.—

5 (1) REPORTS AFTER ACTIVATION OF THE DIS-  
6 ASTER INFORMATION REPORTING SYSTEM.—

7 (A) PUBLIC HEARINGS.—

8 (i) REQUIREMENT.—Each year, the  
9 Commission shall hold not less than 1 pub-  
10 lic hearing relating to all events during the  
11 preceding 1-year period for which the Sys-  
12 tem was activated for not less than 7 days.

13 (ii) INCLUSION OF CERTAIN INDIVID-  
14 UALS IN PUBLIC HEARINGS.—For each  
15 public hearing held under clause (i), the  
16 Commission shall consider including—

17 (I) representatives of State gov-  
18 ernment, local government, or Indian

1 tribal governments in areas affected  
2 by such event;

3 (II) residents of the areas af-  
4 fected by such event, or consumer ad-  
5 vocates;

6 (III) providers of communications  
7 services affected by such event;

8 (IV) faculty of institutions of  
9 higher education;

10 (V) representatives of other Fed-  
11 eral agencies;

12 (VI) electric utility providers;

13 (VII) communications infrastruc-  
14 ture companies; and

15 (VIII) first responders, emer-  
16 gency managers, and 911 directors in  
17 areas affected by such event.

18 (B) REPORT.—Not later than 120 days  
19 after the public hearing under subparagraph  
20 (A) occurs, the Commission shall issue a report  
21 that includes, with respect to such event and to  
22 the extent known without requiring the collec-  
23 tion of additional information—

24 (i) the number and duration of any  
25 outages of—

1 (I) broadband internet access  
2 service;

3 (II) interconnected VoIP service;

4 (III) commercial mobile service;

5 and

6 (IV) commercial mobile data  
7 service;

8 (ii) the approximate number of users  
9 and the amount of communications infra-  
10 structure potentially affected by an outage  
11 described in clause (i);

12 (iii) the number and duration of any  
13 outages that prevent public safety answer-  
14 ing points from receiving caller location or  
15 number information or receiving emer-  
16 gency calls and routing such calls to emer-  
17 gency service personnel; and

18 (iv) any recommendations of the Com-  
19 mission on how to improve the resiliency of  
20 affected communications or networks re-  
21 covery efforts.

22 (C) DEVELOPMENT OF REPORTS.—In de-  
23 veloping a report required under subparagraph  
24 (B), the Commission shall consider information  
25 collected by the Commission, including informa-

1           tion collected by the Commission through the  
2           System, and any public hearing described in  
3           subparagraph (A) with respect to the applicable  
4           event.

5           (D) PUBLICATION.—The Commission shall  
6           publish each report, excluding information that  
7           is otherwise exempt from public disclosure  
8           under the rules of the Commission or was sub-  
9           mitted to the Commission with a proper request  
10          for confidential treatment as described in sec-  
11          tion 0.459 of title 47, Code of Federal Regula-  
12          tions, issued under this paragraph on the  
13          website of the Commission upon the issuance of  
14          such report. The Commission shall not publicly  
15          disclose company-specific information.

16          (2) IMPROVEMENTS TO NETWORK OUTAGE RE-  
17          PORTING.—Not later than 1 year after the date of  
18          enactment of this Act, the Commission shall inves-  
19          tigate and publish a report on—

20                 (A) the value to public safety agencies of  
21                 originating service providers including visual in-  
22                 formation to improve situational awareness  
23                 about outages in the notifications provided to  
24                 public safety answering points, as required by  
25                 rules issued by the Commission;

1 (B) the volume and nature of 911 outages  
2 that may go unreported under the outage notifi-  
3 cation thresholds of the Commission;

4 (C) the balance between the value de-  
5 scribed in subparagraph (A) to public safety  
6 agencies and the burden and practicality for  
7 originating service providers of including visual  
8 information in outage notifications as described  
9 in that subparagraph; and

10 (D) recommended changes to rules issued  
11 by the Commission to address subparagraphs  
12 (A) and (B).

13 (3) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this  
14 section shall be construed to provide the Commission  
15 or any other person authority over any provider of  
16 broadband internet access service beyond what is  
17 specifically authorized under this section.

18 (4) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

19 (A) The terms “Automatic Location Infor-  
20 mation” and “Automatic Number Identifica-  
21 tion” have the meanings given those terms in  
22 section 9.3 of title 47, Code of Federal Regula-  
23 tions, or any successor regulation.

24 (B) The term “broadband internet access  
25 service” has the meaning given the term in sec-

1           tion 8.1(b) of title 47, Code of Federal Regula-  
2           tions, or any successor regulation.

3           (C) The term “commercial mobile service”  
4           has the meaning given the term in section  
5           332(d) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47  
6           U.S.C. 332(d)).

7           (D) The term “commercial mobile data  
8           service” has the meaning given the term in sec-  
9           tion 6001 of the Middle Class Tax Relief and  
10          Job Creation Act of 2012 (47 U.S.C. 1401).

11          (E) The term “Commission” means the  
12          Federal Communications Commission.

13          (F) The terms “Indian tribal government”  
14          and “local government” have the meanings  
15          given those terms in section 102 of the Robert  
16          T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency As-  
17          sistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5122).

18          (G) The term “interconnected VoIP serv-  
19          ice” has the meaning given that term in section  
20          9.3 of title 47, Code of Federal Regulations, or  
21          any successor regulation.

22          (H) The term “multi-line telephone sys-  
23          tem” has the meaning given the term in section  
24          721(f) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47  
25          U.S.C. 623(f)).

1 (I) The term “outage” has the meaning  
2 given the term in section 4.5 of title 47, Code  
3 of Federal Regulations, or any successor regula-  
4 tion.

5 (J) The term “public safety answering  
6 point” has the meaning given the term in sec-  
7 tion 222(h) of the Communications Act of 1934  
8 (47 U.S.C. 222(h)).

9 (K) The term “State” has the meaning  
10 given that term in section 3 of the Communica-  
11 tions Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 153).

12 (L) The term “System” means the Dis-  
13 aster Information Reporting System.

14 (b) REPORTING OF PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMU-  
15 NICATORS AS PROTECTIVE SERVICE OCCUPATIONS.—The  
16 Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall,  
17 not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this  
18 Act, categorize public safety telecommunicators as a pro-  
19 tective service occupation under the Standard Occupa-  
20 tional Classification system.

21 (c) REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE KARI’S  
22 LAW ACT OF 2017.—Not later than 180 days after the  
23 date of enactment of this Act, the Commission shall pub-  
24 lish a report regarding the enforcement by the Commis-

1 sion of section 721 of the Communications Act of 1934  
2 (47 U.S.C. 623), which shall include—

3 (1) a summary of the extent to which multi-line  
4 telephone system manufacturers and vendors have  
5 complied with that section;

6 (2) potential difficulties and obstacles in com-  
7 plying with that section;

8 (3) recommendations to the Commission, if nec-  
9 essary, on ways to improve the policies of the Com-  
10 mission to better enforce that section; and

11 (4) recommendations to Congress, if necessary,  
12 on further legislation that could mitigate problems  
13 like those that are addressed by that section.

