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To liberalize controls on the export of telecommunications equipment and technology in order to promote democracy and free communication and enhance economic competitiveness.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. SKAGGS, and Ms. DUNN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign 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. FINDINGS.**

4 (a) The Congress makes the following findings:

5 (1) The free exchange of ideas and information
6 through modern, reliable telecommunications equip-
7 ment fosters the development of democratic institu-
8 tions, the promotion of free market economic re-

1 forms, and the facilitation of international com-
2 merce.

3 (2) Exports of advanced telecommunications
4 equipment and technology contribute to United
5 States economic competitiveness and high-skill, high-
6 wage jobs in the United States.

7 (3) Export restrictions on telecommunications
8 equipment and technology are outdated, controlling
9 the export of equipment and technology that is more
10 than 10 years old and has over 15 times less capac-
11 ity than similar equipment and technology in use
12 today in the United States.

13 (4) Foreign availability of telecommunications
14 equipment and technology exists both from countries
15 that do not belong to or cooperate with the Coordi-
16 nating Committee for Multilateral Export Controls,
17 and from within countries to which exports of such
18 equipment and technology are controlled by agree-
19 ment of the Coordinating Committee.

20 **SEC. 2. EXPORT CONTROLS ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5(c) of the Export Admin-
22 istration Act of 1979 (50 U.S.C. App. 2404(c)) is amend-
23 ed by adding at the end the following:

24 “(8)(A) The Secretary shall, not later than 30
25 days after the date of the enactment of this para-

1 graph, propose to the Coordinating Committee that
2 exports of telecommunications equipment and tele-
3 communications technology for civil end uses shall
4 not require a validated license for export to any of
5 the republics of the former Soviet Union, the Peo-
6 ple’s Republic of China, Poland, the Czech Republic,
7 Slovakia, Bulgaria, Romania, Albania, Estonia,
8 Lithuania, or Latvia.

9 “(B) For purposes of this paragraph—

10 “(i) the term ‘telecommunications equip-
11 ment’ includes—

12 “(I) telephone switching systems and
13 stored program controlled communications
14 switching systems, including related fea-
15 tures and components that provide services
16 and management of telecommunications
17 networks;

18 “(II) telecommunications transmission
19 equipment;

20 “(III) microwave, light wave, and
21 other radio relay, transmitting, or test
22 equipment, and related components and
23 accessories;

1 “(IV) telecommunications cables and
2 components, including optical fibers and
3 optical fiber cables;

4 “(V) equipment containing frequency
5 synthesizers when used in land-based mo-
6 bile communications systems;

7 “(VI) equipment described in any of
8 subclauses (I) through (V), or any other
9 telecommunications equipment, that con-
10 tains lasers;

11 “(VII) computer hardware and appli-
12 cation specific software which are related
13 to any of the items described in clauses (I)
14 through (VI) and are required for data
15 communications; and

16 “(VIII) all spare parts, components,
17 and measuring or test equipment related to
18 any of the items described in subclauses
19 (I) through (VII);

20 “(ii) the term ‘telecommunications tech-
21 nology’ means technology related to tele-
22 communications equipment, including tech-
23 nology for the production, development, and use
24 of telecommunications equipment;

1 “(iii) the term ‘telecommunications net-
2 works’ includes local area, intracity, intercity,
3 and international telecommunications networks;
4 and

5 “(iv) the term ‘telecommunications’ means
6 voice, video, and data communications over any
7 public or private network or broadcasting sys-
8 tem, and services related to such communica-
9 tions.”.

10 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the date
11 of the enactment of this Act, the President shall submit
12 to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the
13 Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of
14 the Senate a report certifying that the proposal required
15 by section 5(c)(8) of the Export Administration Act of
16 1979 (as added by subsection (a) of this section) has been
17 made to the members of the Coordinating Committee and
18 outlining the plans to gain the concurrence of the other
19 members of the Committee in the proposal.

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