

Carr Applauds Committee Passage of Secure Equipment Act

Bipartisan Legislation Would Strengthen National Security, Close “Huawei Loophole”

WASHINGTON, July 22, 2021—Today, FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr applauded the House Commerce Committee’s passage of the Secure Equipment Act of 2021. The bipartisan legislation, introduced by Republican Whip Steve Scalise and Congresswoman Anna Eshoo, was marked up by the Committee and favorably reported to the House [yesterday](#). The bill would strengthen national security by requiring the FCC to update its equipment authorization process to protect against threats posed by entities on the Covered List. In [March](#), Carr called on the FCC to take this step, and the Commission [launched](#) a proceeding to seek comment on the idea in June.

“I applaud Republican Whip Steve Scalise and Congresswoman Anna Eshoo for their leadership and work to secure America’s communications networks. Their legislation would help ensure that insecure gear from companies like Huawei, ZTE, and others can no longer be inserted into America’s communications infrastructure. We have already determined that his gear poses an unacceptable risk to our national security, and their bipartisan legislation would ensure that the FCC closes this Huawei loophole. I am very pleased that this legislation has advanced out of Committee and look forward to its consideration by the full House.”

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