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To direct the Federal Communications Commission to establish a new Tribal priority window for the 2.5 gigahertz band, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. SMITH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. UDALL, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. ROSEN, and Mr. KING) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on ______

A BILL

- To direct the Federal Communications Commission to establish a new Tribal priority window for the 2.5 gigahertz band, and for other purposes.
 - 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. SHORT TITLE.

4 This Act may be cited as the "Extending Tribal5 Broadband Priority Act of 2020".

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SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW 2.5 GHZ TRIBAL PRIORITY WINDOW.

3 (a) COMMISSION DEFINED.—In this section, the term
4 "Commission" means the Federal Communications Com5 mission.

6 (b) NEW TRIBAL PRIORITY WINDOW.—The Commis-7 sion shall—

8 (1) not later than 30 days after the date of en-9 actment of this Act, establish a new Tribal priority 10 window for the 2.5 gigahertz band, under the same 11 terms and conditions as the Tribal priority window 12 established in the Report and Order in the matter 13 of Transforming the 2.5 GHz Band adopted by the 14 Commission on July 10, 2019 (FCC 19–62), for any 15 portions of the band— 16 (A) that remain available for assignment in

17 accordance with that Report and Order; and

(B) for which the Commission did not receive an application during the Tribal priority
window established in that Report and Order;
and

(2) accept applications in the new window established under paragraph (1) during the period
that—

25 (A) begins on the date on which the win-26 dow is established; and

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(B) ends on the date that is 180 days after
 the date on which the window is established, or
 such later date as the Commission considers appropriate.

5 (c) EXCEPTION FROM CERTAIN PROCEDURAL RE-QUIREMENTS.—To the extent that the Commission deter-6 7 mines that section 553 of title 5, United States Code, 8 chapter 6 of that title (commonly known as the "Regu-9 latory Flexibility Act"), subchapter I of chapter 35 of title 10 44, United States Code (commonly known as the "Paperwork Reduction Act"), or any other provision of law would 11 12 prevent the Commission from establishing the new Tribal 13 priority window by the date required under paragraph (1) of subsection (b) or from beginning to accept applications 14 15 in that window as required under paragraph (2)(A) of that subsection, that provision shall not apply to any action 16 taken by the Commission, or any rule or order issued by 17 the Commission, to establish that window or to begin ac-18 19 cepting applications in that window (as the case may be).