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Keeping Critical Connections Act of 2021

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]

Party: Democratic • **State:** MN • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (29 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Mar 4, 2021
Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]	R · WY		Mar 4, 2021
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Mar 4, 2021
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Mar 4, 2021
Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]	R · AR		Mar 4, 2021
Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		Mar 4, 2021
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Mar 4, 2021
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Mar 4, 2021
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Mar 4, 2021
Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]	R · IA		Mar 4, 2021
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 4, 2021
Sen. Hawley, Josh [R-MO]	R · MO		Mar 4, 2021
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Mar 4, 2021
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Mar 4, 2021
Sen. Kelly, Mark [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Mar 4, 2021
Sen. Lummis, Cynthia M. [R-WY]	R · WY		Mar 4, 2021
Sen. Marshall, Roger [R-KS]	R · KS		Mar 4, 2021
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 4, 2021
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Mar 4, 2021
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Mar 4, 2021
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Mar 4, 2021
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Mar 4, 2021
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Mar 4, 2021
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 4, 2021
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		Mar 4, 2021
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Mar 4, 2021
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Mar 4, 2021
Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]	D · GA		Mar 4, 2021
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Mar 16, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 4, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill provides funds with which the Federal Communications Commission shall reimburse small business broadband providers for costs incurred during the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) emergency period to voluntarily (1) provide free or discounted service to students in need of distance learning capacity, or (2) refrain from disconnecting low-income households that cannot afford to make a full payment.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 4, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
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