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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. BOOKER) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Section 331 Obligation
5 Clarification Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SPECIAL SERVICE OBLIGATIONS OF CERTAIN LI-**
2 **CENSEES OF ULTRA HIGH FREQUENCY STA-**
3 **TIONS.**

4 Section 331(a) of the Communications Act of 1934
5 (47 U.S.C. 331(a)) is amended—

6 (1) by striking “It shall be” and inserting the
7 following:

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—It shall be”;

9 (2) by striking “In any case” and inserting the
10 following:

11 “(2) REALLOCATION TO CERTAIN COMMU-
12 NITIES.—In any case”; and

13 (3) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(3) EFFECT OF CHANGE TO ULTRA HIGH FRE-
15 QUENCY STATION.—If a licensee that holds a license
16 issued under paragraph (2) changes from a very
17 high frequency commercial television broadcast sta-
18 tion to an ultra high frequency commercial television
19 broadcast station—

20 “(A) the change shall not affect any spe-
21 cial service obligations imposed on the licensee
22 as a result of the licensee obtaining the license
23 under paragraph (2), without regard to whether
24 the Commission imposed the obligations—

25 “(i) by rule or order; or

1 “(ii) as part of the grant or renewal
2 of the license; and
3 “(B) the Commission may not directly or
4 indirectly reduce or eliminate the special service
5 obligations described in subparagraph (A) be-
6 cause of the change.”.