

**Amendment-Rural Development
Comprehensive Rural Broadband Strategy
Congressman John T. Salazar**

Amending Title VI-Rural Development to require the Secretary of Agriculture to report to the President, House of Representatives and Senate on USDA's rural broadband strategy. This will prove as a step forward to improve broadband access in our rural communities.

**AMENDMENT TO THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT
TITLE
OFFERED BY MR. SALAZAR OF COLORADO**

At the end of the title, add the following:

1 **SEC. _____. COMPREHENSIVE RURAL BROADBAND STRAT-**
2 **EGY.**

3 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-
4 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall submit
5 to the President, the Committee on Agriculture of the
6 House of Representatives, and the Committee on Agri-
7 culture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate a report
8 describing a comprehensive rural broadband strategy that
9 includes—

10 (1) recommendations—

11 (A) to promote interagency coordination of
12 Federal agencies in regards to policies, proce-
13 dures, and targeted resources, and to improve
14 and streamline the polices, programs, and serv-
15 ices;

16 (B) to coordinate among Federal agencies
17 regarding existing rural broadband or rural ini-
18 tiatives that could be of value to rural
19 broadband development;

1 (C) to address both short- and long-term
2 solutions and needs assessments for a rapid
3 build-out of rural broadband solutions and ap-
4 plications for Federal, State, regional, and local
5 government policy makers;

6 (D) to identify how specific Federal agency
7 programs and resources can best respond to
8 rural broadband requirements and overcome ob-
9 stacles that currently impede rural broadband
10 deployment; and

11 (E) to promote successful model deploy-
12 ments and appropriate technologies being used
13 in rural areas so that State, regional, and local
14 governments can benefit from the cataloging
15 and successes of other State, regional, and local
16 governments; and

17 (2) a description of goals and timeframes to
18 achieve the strategic plans and visions identified in
19 the report.