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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. Tester introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

## A BILL

To require the United States Trade Representative to permit the public to submit comments on trade agreement negotiations through the Internet.

- 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 "Trade Transparency
- 5 and Public Input Act of 2018".
- 6 SEC. 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.
- 7 Section 105(a)(1) of the Bipartisan Congressional
- 8 Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015 (19
- 9 U.S.C. 4204(a)(1)) is amended—

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1	(1) in subparagraph (C), by striking "; and"
2	and inserting a semicolon;
3	(2) in subparagraph (D), by striking the period
4	at the end and inserting "; and"; and
5	(3) by adding at the end the following:
6	"(E) at least 30 calendar days before initi-
7	ating negotiations with a country, publish on a
8	publicly available Internet website of the Office
9	of the United States Trade Representative an
10	easily accessible portal—
11	"(i) that allows the public to electroni-
12	cally submit comments on the negotiations
13	for the duration of the negotiations; and
14	"(ii) which shall be in addition to re-
15	quests for comments issued by the United
16	States Trade Representative through no-
17	tice in the Federal Register.".